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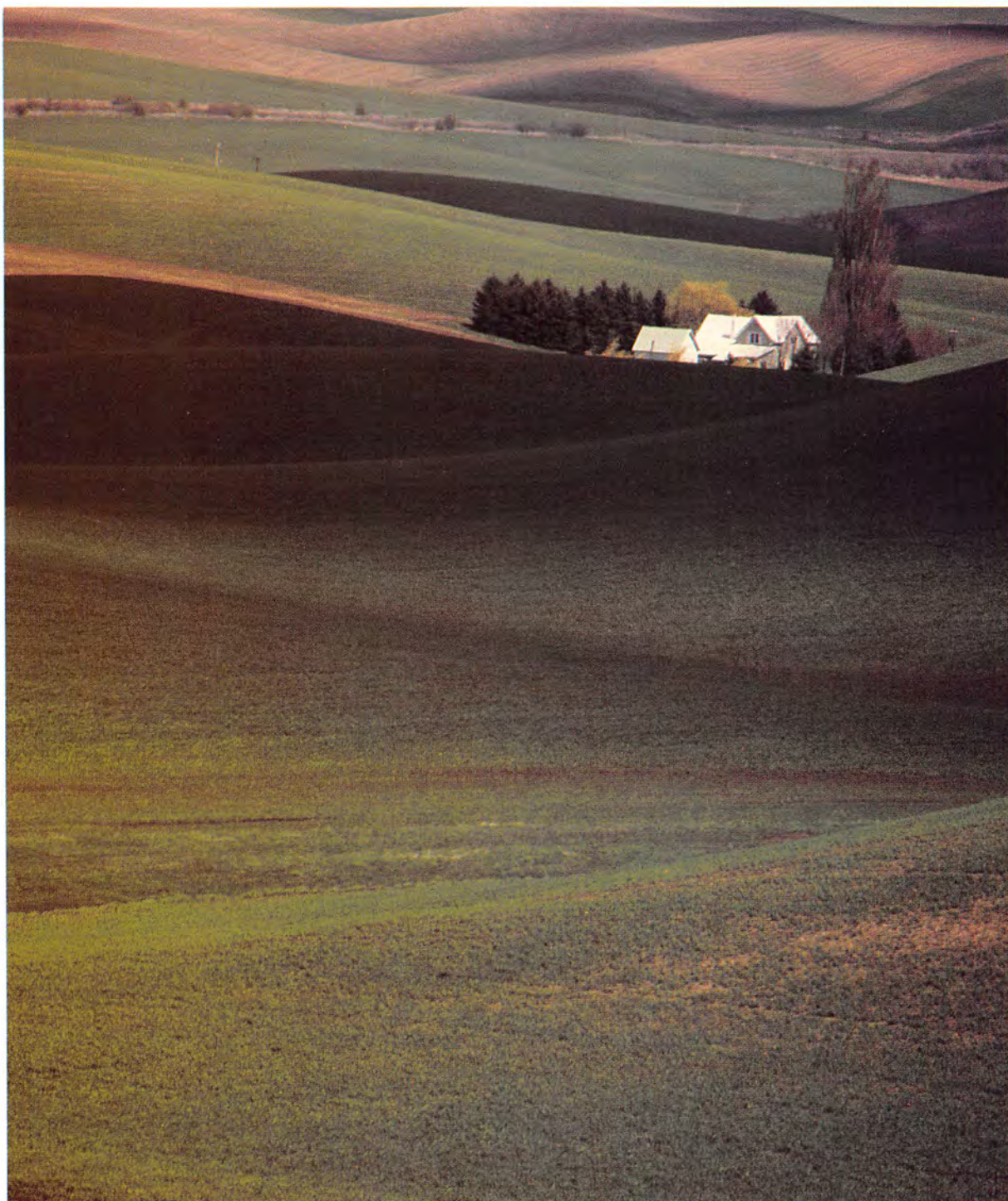
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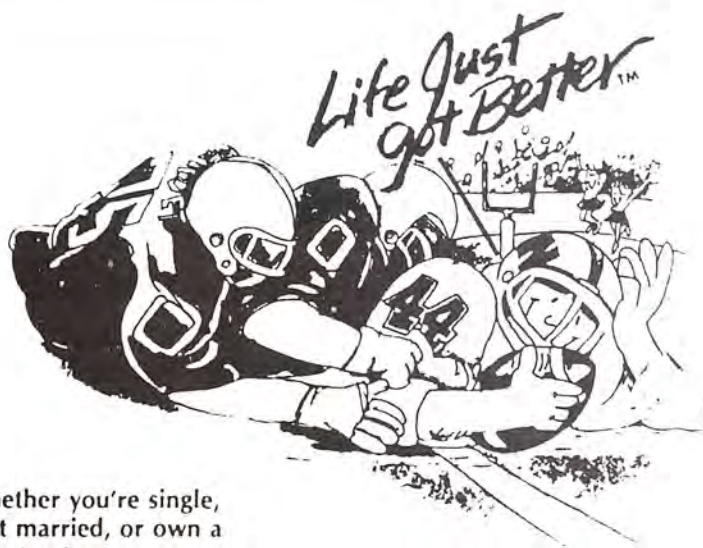
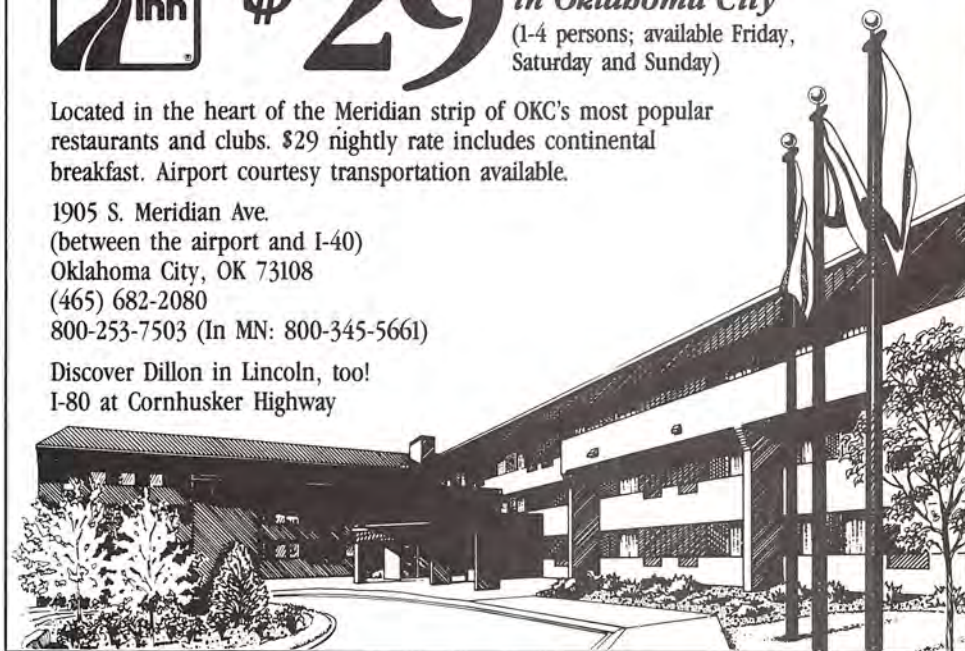
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Dear Huskers:

I am one of the biggest Husker fans anywhere, but I am starting to get concerned about the Big Red's recent habit of waiting until the second half to get after it. Here in Florida, I am taking a pretty good razzing from my college football buddies who really like Miami football, and they say they're licking their chops to get their

hands on the Big Eight champion in the Orange Bowl.

I am convinced this Nebraska team of 1988 is the one that will dethrone Oklahoma, and it would be just fine with me to play No. 1 Miami in the Orange Bowl because that would mean all we would have to do to win the national championship would be to beat the Hurricanes. But we can't go out and give everybody a 28-0 lead

at the half because some teams are just too good to come back on. I really think Nebraska can be an awesome football team if we just get our act in gear for the first half. I'm sure Coach Osborne will be able to turn them around.

Russ Greve
Tampa, Fla.

Dear Huskers:

I have the solution for Coach Tom Osborne on how he can get the Huskers revved up to play lights-out from the opening kickoff. Wind sprints! From my old high school days, I can remember our coach getting our attention after one game, and I'll never forget it. We weren't good enough to come back after falling behind by 17 points at the half, and our coaches were furious. As players, we were playing a team we figured was weak, so we took it easy. Well, after the game, our coach had us run wind sprints. Not the next Monday. Not Saturday. But right after the game on Friday night. He did wait until almost all our friends and family had gone home, but there were still quite a few people who got to watch us trudge up and down the field. They even left the field lights on.

Well, we learned our lesson, and that never happened again.

I think we have a very proud football program at Nebraska, and I think even the mention by Coach Osborne that the team would have to run after the game would get everyone's attention. Do you know if this has ever been done before after a game?

Al Singleton
North Platte, Neb.

Al: No, and it's probably not something that will happen any time soon. Although it worked in high school, the traditional wind-sprint tactic does rely on embarrassment as a motivator when it's used directly after a game. Most Big Red fans, players and coaches would most likely prefer that sort of thing be done in private. As you mentioned, the players have a lot of pride in themselves and their program. It's a good bet that Big Red pride, rather than wind sprints, will



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Dear Huskers:

Three cheers for Broderick Thomas! I have followed Broderick since he was a freshman, and I am so impressed this year as he has destroyed opposing offenses and declared to the world by his actions that he is the best defensive player in America. I think all Husker fans can be proud of Sandman's never-say-die effort as the Black Shirts are on their way to becoming the top defensive unit in the country.

I have always liked Broderick, and I always supported him for being so outgoing and talkative in the past, but I think I have learned a lot from him this year on how to carry yourself as a leader and as a gentleman. I would like to see more stories on Broderick as his great career comes to a close because I think he is a great player and a great person. I got to see Sandman in person after the spring game last year, and he gave me an autograph and asked my name and said thank you to me even though he was very tired and busy. I am only 14, but I will always remember Broderick as a hero who will not let us down.

Terron Mayfield
Omaha, Neb.

MORE ON LEWIS

Dear Huskers:

What can you tell me about Lance Lewis, the young fullback who has made such a good impression in his freshman year? I have been eagerly following his moves up the depth chart. It seems quite impressive for a true freshman to see action this early, and you wouldn't believe the astonishment I felt when I saw him playing in the UCLA game. That says a lot about Lewis in itself.

Was he very highly recruited? I knew that Matt Gee was generally regarded as the best player in Kansas last year in the prep ranks, but, frankly, I didn't hear many rave reviews for Mr. Lewis. That's okay, though, because I'd just as soon hear them now. Ted Wallace
Milwaukee, Wis.

Ted: Lewis is considered a fine player by Husker coaches, and he should be headed for a bright future. His physical skills are outstanding. Last year, he was generally regarded as either the No. 1 or No. 2 player in Kansas, and more than a few people felt he was a better prospect than Gee. One reason Lewis may not have caught your eye or gotten a lot of pub-

licity is the simple fact he is from Scott City in far western Kansas. You'll probably be hearing more of him because of his talents as well as the rash of injuries to Husker backs.

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RANDALL JOBMAN HAS PUT HIS RODEO CAREER ON HOLD AND HIS FOOTBALL CAREER INTO HIGH GEAR.



While his rodeo career is definitely on hold, Randall Jobman, a fourth generation western Nebraska rancher-farmer-to-be, will patiently settle for the tumultuous chore of being an inside linebacker for the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

A hale-and-well-met young man, Jobman suffered a well publicized rodeo accident the summer before he enrolled at the Lincoln campus. In fact, when he severed his thumb practicing for a rodeo (successful reimplantation surgery followed immediately thereafter), it delayed his collegiate enrollment until the following January, along with the promise to Coach Tom Osborne that Jobman "would give up rodeo until my football playing days are over."

Well, his football days as a Husker just may be getting under way and it may be a while before Jobman adds to the rodeoing, belt-buckle trophies that adorn the mantle at his parents' home.

"Yeah, that's what Coach Osborne wanted," Jobman accepts with his usual pleasant smile. "And, he'll get it because Coach Osborne is really more than a coach. He has a lot of good values and tries to bring them across to the players."

Jobman's description of the acci-

Photo by John Bills

**Jobman has been called
Nebraska's "Bionic Man."**

dent is typical of his good-natured, infectious charm that attracts admirers from all walks of life.

"I was practicing roping for a July Fourth rodeo when I missed my dally (a maneuver to secure the rope on the saddlehorn after the steer is roped) and somehow the rope got half-hitched on my thumb. When the rope came tight, my right thumb went off."

A quick trip to the University Medical Center in Denver allowed reimplantation surgery although he adds, "Both joints in the thumb are stiff now but I can move it by exaggerating the rotation of my wrist. In fact, I've improved my writing — penmanship, that is — and it only took a little extra concentration."

This somewhat cavalier approach to near tragedy or at least difficult times is what extracts admiration for Jobman, especially from his position coach, inside linebacker mentor John Melton.

"Randall can do it well. He's a big, strong, tough kid," Melton says in the usual coach's tone. "He grins all the time. . . he'll knock the hell out of you and then smile as he reaches down and picks you up."

Then in almost a paternal tone, Melton adds, "He's very coachable and whatever he lacks in ability — which isn't much — he makes up by hard work, intelligence and aggressiveness."

"The best way to describe him, is, he's the kind of young man you wouldn't mind having your daughter bring home."

Jobman was raised near the town of Lisco, located on the bank of the North Platte River. It is just a whistle-stop on State Highway 26. He says, "Well, I'll tell you, there's about 60 people in the town. It's not incorporated and really, there's not much there. . . but it's home."

"I lived there all my life but that's not much. So did my dad, his dad and my great grandfather. Sure, when I get through at Nebraska, I'm going back there to ranch and farm."

Jobman recalls, "When we were young my dad was always hauling us to rodeos. Even though Dad (Vernon)



Two tough Black Shirts: Jobman (55) and Jeff Mills (42).

is slowing down a bit my brother Steve goes pretty hard at it. The family has quite a few belt buckles — the standard rodeo trophy — around the house.”

He remembers his first competition, although not in the rodeo ring,

“I’ve still got the trophy at home. It was just a county fair but it meant a lot to me at the time.”

Then he adds, “We rodeoed a lot when I was a kid but we were very much into athletics, to boot. Lisco was such a little dinky town, we didn’t

basketball, track and rodeo.

“I was 6-foot-3 and probably 195, at the most. We never lifted weights in high school because the school and program was so small. In Lisco, I was a pretty good sized kid but you come down here (UN-Lincoln) and you’ll get your head knocked off.”

Jobman recalls collegiate recruiting somewhat vaguely. “I was offered a scholarship at Nebraska, Wyoming and Indiana. I visited Laramie and Lincoln but when they changed coaching staffs at Indiana, I cancelled my visit there. I think they said they were going to start recruiting all over again.

“I signed with Nebraska on whatever day signing day was,” he concluded in a modestly indifferent tone.

Jobman, who goes by the first name of Randall . . . not Randy . . . a name he inherited from his great grandfather, is a typical agrarian, family-oriented young man, who relishes the thought of returning to Lisco and a joint ranch-farming venture with his father.

Of course, his nickname to everyone around Lincoln is “Cowboy” and he envisions home in these remarks: “Where we live it’s mainly cattle. They grow a little corn in the valley along with some other crops. The further west you go you run into sugar beets and you go south, up on the table, it’s flat as far as you can see and all wheat.

“Now, we’ve got excellent, even great, hunting out there. Geese, pheasant and deer, lots of deer. Coach Osborne has been goose hunting out there.

“If you want to do something in the winter, you go out and hide behind a tree and shoot a big old goose. It’s that easy.”

He recalls the time when he took Husker teammates Jeff Jamrog and Brad Tyrer home to his family during branding time. He laughs as he remembers, “Jeff was from Omaha and Brad from Kansas City. I don’t think Jeff had ever been on a horse before or had ever seen that kind of stuff done.

“They were wrestling calves, about 130- to 150-pound calves. Sometimes

Even with a background of daring exploits, Jobman admits, “Sure, I get a few butterflies when we’re warming up right before a game . . . I guess if you don’t get them, maybe you shouldn’t be out there.”

saying, “We showed cattle all the time, every year. I think when I was 10, or so, I had the grand champion heifer at the county fair. I’d beaten out all of the steers with my heifer and I couldn’t believe it, I had the grand champion cow and she was a heifer!

have anything. We kinda had a basketball team but you played only one game a year.

“We had to go to Oshkosh (about 30 miles southeast on Highway 26) to be able to participate. By high school, I was playing football (eight-man),



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those calves kicked the heck outa them but we had a great time," he adds with a laugh.

In Lincoln, many of his friends are "over on the east campus" which is the agriculture segment of the University. His friends consist of a mixture of teammates and agriculture students. He's a general agriculture major, who'll graduate next May and continue with graduate studies in the fall while he completes his final year of eligibility in football.

"My roommate is Jim Earnest, who played football for three years before he hurt his shoulder," Jobman tells. "He's from Dalton, about 10 miles from where I lived. Now, he's a real good student, I'd say about 3.9 in agronomy. Me? Oh heck, I'm only 'bout 3.0."

He professes they like to listen "to all kinds of music," but mainly country and rock. When they go dancing at night which is the preferred style of dance?

"Oh, we go country and western. I don't think I could rock-n-roll dance like they do but I don't mind listening to the music. I've got an aunt in Oklahoma City who's really darned good at western dancing. I guess the further south you go the better the country dancing."

A ruggedly handsome young man, who could double in a Marlboro advertisement if his hair wasn't so blond, admits, "College football was a culture shock to me. The game itself was so fast as compared to high school. Mentally, high school was easy. . . you just read the play the best you could and tackled the man with the ball."

"Here, you've got so many different keys, defenses and check calls. Thinking, well, that's where you get in trouble. You've got to learn to react, in harmony with your teammates. Usually, you don't have a lot of time to think because things happen so fast."

At times in Lincoln and when time permits, he will visit a friend's indoor arena and watch the roping exercises. He quickly snaps, "I go out there and watch 'em — and I mean just watch — rope and stuff, when I have the spare time."

Jobman used to have two horses of his own, a red mare and "Old Black," the latter an older horse which he gave to a year-and-a-half-old niece, Samantha. He says, "'Old Black' will be the perfect horse for her. She'll start learning to ride and rope when she's about 5."

Even with a background of daring exploits, he admits, "I get a few butterflies in my stomach the night be-

fore the game but I sleep okay. Sure, I get 'em (butterflies) when we're warming up right before a game. I think everybody does. It's a sign you're up for it."

"I guess if you don't get them, maybe you shouldn't be out there."

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"I've already told our kids and the coaches, there's no such thing as a bad shot," says Nee, who's beginning his third season with the Cornhuskers.

"We want to shoot the basketball, run up and down the court and score points. We're going to give the kids the green light again. We're really going to prepare them to shoot the ball.

"I want the ball to go up in the air. I want it shot before something bad happens, before we turn it over."

Nee smiles as he talks about the upcoming season, but he's not trying to be funny. He's dead serious.

Besides being out-manned by many opponents last season, the Cornhuskers ranked seventh in the Big Eight Conference in field goal percentage and suffered from two afflictions: too many personal fouls and too many turnovers. They committed 66 more turnovers than the opposition and, even more dramatically, they shot 208 fewer (and made 146 fewer) free throws.

"We just gave people a chance to win from the free throw line too much," says Nee. "Think of the games we lost at the free throw line, where our opponents out-shot us by astronomical amounts. We fouled too much."

If this year's team can shoot the ball often enough, and make a reasonable percentage of those shots, free throws figure to be less of a factor and the turnovers, well, as Nee suggests, they're less likely to occur.

"This year, we have a chance to be more fundamentally sound and more aggressive on offense," he says.

"We have a lot of guys who can score. I don't think there's a kid we'll put on the floor this season who can't."

That includes front line players like Rich King, a 7-foot-2 sophomore, and Kelly Lively, a 7-0 redshirt freshman,

as well as Pete Manning and Eric Johnson, the team's only seniors and the top returning scorers from last season.

Manning, who edged out Collegiate Player of the Year Danny Manning of Kansas for the Big Eight Conference field goal percentage title, averaged 9.5 points per game, with a career-high 27 against NCAA runnerup Oklahoma.

"Pete can really shoot the basketball," Nee says.

Manning also is the top returning rebounder, with 154 a year ago.

Johnson, this season's team captain, averaged 8.8 points and led the team in assists (112) and steals (60).

"King can catch the ball, pass it and shoot it," says Nee. "Lively can catch, pass and shoot."

Richard van Poelgeest, a 6-9 junior, "is a good scorer around the basket, and Dapreis Owens, the freshman, can shoot," Nee says. "All of those kids up-front can shoot."

And Johnson isn't the only one capable of opening up from the outside. Sophomores Beau Reid and Clifford Scales are proven shooters.

Reid hit a team-leading 38.8 percent from 3-point range as a freshman.

Scales opened up during Nebraska's eight-game Australia-New Zealand tour last spring, averaging 13.4 points.

They'll be joined by 6-6 Ray Richardson, a transfer from Hiwassee (Tenn.) Junior College. Richardson, nicknamed the "Iceman" because of a resemblance to former NBA scoring champion George "Iceman" Gervin, shot 52 percent from 3-point range and 55 percent overall last season.

"Our perimeter strength is two-fold with the addition of Richardson. He's going to help us," Nee says.

Richardson can play either a small forward or a big guard.

The 3-point shot will be an integral part of Nebraska's offense this season, according to Nee. Players were en-

couraged to shoot it during the tour of Australia and over the summer, and "we've revamped our fastbreak, favorably, for it," says Nee.

That doesn't mean the Cornhuskers will ignore defense. Nee expects to complement the up-tempo offense with a "real stingy defense. The kids are still going to have discipline on defense to stay in their stance, work hard and rebound. We're going to teach very determined, hard-nosed, man-to-man defense and supplement it with a good multiple zone defense and press."

Discipline on defense and "freedom on offense to express themselves. I think the kids are going to have fun," Nee says.

Fun isn't the only goal, though. Nee thinks this team will win.

He expects it, in fact.

The Cornhuskers should challenge for a first-division finish in the Big Eight. And Nee will be the first to say so.

"The way I look at the up-coming season, there are two really top-notch teams (in the Big Eight), Oklahoma and Missouri. Oklahoma is a Top 10, maybe Top 5, team. Missouri is Top 20," he says. "But Nebraska's right in the hunt with the rest of the league."

First division? "Definitely," says Nee. "We can be in there, if things fall right. That's what we're shooting for, the upper division and a post-season tournament. We're tired of exiting the Big Eight tournament after the first round. We want to stay a couple of days, see what Kansas City is like. Some coaches don't want to talk about things like that. But it's what we're shooting for."

With an emphasis on the "shooting."

Nee's first team at Nebraska over-achieved, finishing 21-12 and reaching the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

His second season, the Cornhuskers came back to earth and finished 13-18.

Regardless of the record, however, Nee has continued to develop his program through recruiting, an emphasis on academics and strength

training.

Nee has gotten the players he's gone after each of the last two seasons; King and Scales a year ago, and Owens, Carl Hayes and Lewis Geter this year.

Geter is enrolled in classes but can't practice or play until next season because of the NCAA's Proposition 48. But Owens and Hayes, as well as Eric Dolezal, an incoming freshman guard, could all contribute immediately.

"Our recruiting has gotten better each year I've been here," says Nee. "We've had good players. Now we're getting really quality players.

"So I feel good about that."

Those who have been in the program show the positive effects of a strength and conditioning regimen designed by Nebraska strength coach Boyd Epley.

"I can see the physical change," Nee says. King, Lively, Scales and

Reid "have all increased their weight and strength. They all look bigger and stronger than they did a year ago.

"Those four look super.

"I can also see the effects of the weight training on Pete (Manning) and Eric (Johnson), the veterans.

"And a year from now, I'll see it on the kids coming in this season."

Nee is sold on Epley's program.

This year's Cornhuskers will be young. Van Poelgeest is Nebraska's only third-year player and eight of the 12 players expected to form the nucleus of the team are sophomores and freshmen.

"I really think to have an impact, you've got to have kids who've been in the program four or five years," Nee says. "That's when you know you've established your program."

All those young players have tempered his optimism. "I'm cautious in that what we have is a lot of talented young players who have to mature,

and how quickly they mature is going to determine how far we go," he says.

"It's that simple. A lot of the new kids are going to have to play."

Exactly which ones, Nee won't say.

"Who's going to redshirt? Who's going to play? Who's going to sit? That'll come in time. It's too early. Some of those questions will be answered in November, some maybe as late as the middle of December," Nee says.

"As I look at this season, the third year of the program, there's a lot at stake. There are expectations. But I think those expectations are very realistic. The fans, the (university) administration, the alumni, everyone associated with Nebraska basketball, understands what we're trying to do."

"We're going to prepare the players to shoot the ball, run after it, catch it and shoot it again," Nee says. ■

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NEBRASKA FINALLY PLAYED A-OK IN THE FIRST HALF,
JUST IN TIME FOR THE OKLAHOMA STATE SHOWDOWN.

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The scoreboard at the south end of Kansas' Memorial Stadium quickly became a focal point for Nebraska players Saturday.

They were interested in other things besides their 63-10 drubbing of the Jayhawks.

With doubts at least minimized about slow starts and a sputtering offense, thoughts turned to Oklahoma State, the Cowboys' confrontation with Colorado, and next week.

Scores of the OSU-CU matchup periodically flashed on the message board. The Buffaloes led, 7-0, before Mike Gundy, Barry Sanders and Company raced to a rout, setting up Saturday's clash with NU in Lincoln.

First-string Cornhuskers watched the progress of the Big Eight's first major game while reserves finished the rout.

NU's senior All-Americans Broderick Thomas and Steve Taylor talked Friday night about the game in Boulder.

"I was for Oklahoma State and he was for Colorado," Taylor said.

Taylor (still a dark horse Heisman candidate) and Thomas (a leader for the Lombardi/Butkus) shared free time at the end of the Kansas massacre.

"We like to see the other players play," Taylor said. "And we can kick back and relax."

Oklahoma State's convincing victory grabbed the Cornhuskers' attention.

Unlike the last time they visited Lawrence and exited with a 70-0 victory a week before the Oklahoma game, Huskers expressed the utmost respect Saturday for their upcoming opponent.

No cocky quips. Just matter-of-fact comments.

"I had no idea they would score 41 points. That's pretty impressive. We're going to have to play well to beat them," Taylor said. "We can't make too many mistakes. They're good, but we're good also."

Thomas claimed OSU has some of the best players in the nation.

Coach Tom Osborne even labeled the 4-0 Cowboys a great team, adding, "We'll find out next week if we're any good or not."

Saturday's game certainly proved nothing, except that Kansas definitely had the poorest team of the six Nebraska opponents so far in 1988.

The Huskers did, however, gain

confidence, if nothing else, especially on offense.

After being outscored 48-30 in the first quarter through six games, NU counted touchdowns during its first five possessions.

Nebraska, 5-1, led 28-0 after one quarter and 35-0, 1:20 into the second period to exceed Osborne's goal of 14 first-period points.

No slow start here.

"No doubt, that's the best start we've had this year," said I-back Ken Clark, who carried the ball 10 times for 64 yards. "In the first half, we really got with it. We didn't give them a chance to stay in it."

NU got good production from its fullbacks, including Lance Lewis (18).



"I think today made Coach Osborne really happy. I don't think we were flat today."

Cornhuskers admitted they had trouble getting emotionally ready to play against Nevada-Las Vegas and Arizona State — NU's previous two opponents.

A low intensity level allowed the

Rebels and Sun Devils to stay relatively close with the Huskers.

Saturday was different.

"The intensity was good because this is the Big Eight," said sophomore cornerback Tahaun Lewis, who returned an interception 45 yards. "No one's going to feel lackadaisical about this game or future games. It's

easy (to get ready) for the Big Eight. Everybody has a grudge against everybody in the Big Eight."

Shortly after Saturday's start, one would have thought the Huskers carried a heavy grudge against the Jayhawks.

The visitors shoved the football down Kansas' throat all day, especially the first half when they accounted for 437 of their 665 total yards.

Nebraska mounted scoring drives of 67, 97, 58, 65, 71, and 61 yards in the opening two quarters. And Morgan Gregory added a 64-yard punt return, much to the enjoyment of Big Red fans who almost filled three stadium sections — the southeast and northwest corners and north end zone.

"The offensive execution was very good, particularly the first half," Osborne said.

Wingback Richard Bell added, "Today's game will serve as a motivator for next week when we play Oklahoma State. It's important we establish ourselves early, which is what we did today."

NU did not run a third-down play until Lance Lewis scored on a third-and-1 run at the KU 5 with 13:40 remaining in the second period. The Cornhuskers made one of two, third-down conversions in the opening half.

During their 97-yard scoring march, the Huskers ran four consecutive plays of 11 or more yards.

To end the drive, Taylor could have thrown a touchdown pass to either of his tight ends — Todd Millikan or Monte Kratzenstein — both were wide open near the goal line.

Taylor chose Millikan for a 22-yard TD toss.

Later in the first half, I-back Tyreese Knox cut loose for a 34-yard scamper on an option pitch left, which was NU's longest run from scrimmage this year up to that point. He followed John Nelson and Doug Glaser over the right side for a 4-yard TD the next play.

Knox added a 51-yard jaunt on NU's next possession, running behind blocks from Bob Sledge and Mark Antonietti.

"Their defense is probably as bad



The Black Shirts were stingy except for one, long play.

SCORING SUMMARY

Nebraska 63, Kansas 10

Nebraska.....	28	21	7	7	— 63
Kansas.....	0	10	0	0	— 10

- NU — Taylor 1 run (Drennan kick).
- NU — Millikan 22 pass from Taylor (Drennan kick).
- NU — Knox 4 run (Drennan kick).
- NU — Gregory 64 punt return (Drennan kick).
- NU — L. Lewis 5 run (Drennan kick).
- KU — Fleeman 50 FG.
- NU — Carpenter 31 run (Drennan kick).
- KU — Vaughn 89 pass from Donahoe (Fleeman kick).
- NU — Flowers 1 run (Drennan kick).
- NU — Taylor 1 run (Drennan kick).
- NU — Joseph 2 run (Drennan kick).

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as any we have played against," Osborne said. "That's due to injuries and people quitting."

Five different NU backs — Taylor, Knox, Lewis, Bryan Carpenter, and Leodis Flowers — scored touchdowns during the first half. That included the second-string fullback (Lewis) and third-string I-back (Flowers).

Second-string Cornhusker players saw more action Saturday than starters. Even in the first half, reserves played a considerable amount.

As a result, Thomas and many of his Black Shirt comrades stood on the sideline during KU's sixth possession, when the Jayhawks moved from their 18 to the Nebraska 33.

As Kansas crept farther upfield, Thomas twice pleaded with defensive coordinator Charlie McBride.

Finally, Thomas went back in, and the Jayhawks were stopped for no gain and a 4-yard loss on the next two plays. KU settled for Brad Fleeman's 50-yard field goal.

"I wanted to get back into the game," said Thomas, who along with LeRoy Etienne led NU with six total tackles. "I wanted a shutout."

Kent Wells paced Nebraska defensive linemen with three tackles; linebackers Jeff Mills, Chris Caliendo, and Mike Croel made five stops and Bruce Pickens led the defensive backs with four tackles.

Thomas understood that "a lot of guys on our team wanted to get a lot of work in."

The Kansas game was good for that, getting young Huskers more playing time.

Osborne blamed part of a season-high 12 penalties and 100 yards on inexperienced players.

"We had some guys in our second unit that needed some experience and I think they got it today," Osborne said. "We didn't want to run up the score on Kansas."

The Jayhawks can be thankful. Six of NU's first-half scoring drives lasted eight or fewer plays, but the Cornhuskers used the clock and nine, 10, and 18 plays during marches after intermission.

"The line needed some experience

Nebraska filled the end zone and Husker fans filled the stadium.



and we were able to slow ourselves down a little bit the second half, which was all right," Osborne said.

Fans may have become somewhat bored when Nebraska's rapid-fire scoring of the first half slowed considerably after intermission, but Memorial Stadium provided other forms of entertainment.

A member of the KU "chain gang" put on a vaudeville comedy act when he tripped and fell while crossing the field early in the second quarter. Security guards attracted attention when they broke up a fight in the east stands. The Jayhawk band, unable to perform for many KU heroics, got some "playing time" after Nebraska's numerous tallies.

Only an estimated 32,500 fans came inside Memorial Stadium, but the hillside beyond the south end zone played host to a record crowd, according to veteran Jayhawk fans.

Nine NU players gained 33 or more yards against Kansas, as the Huskers totaled their sixth-highest rushing total

(547 yards). The 665 total yards represent the ninth-best in Nebraska history.

Nebraska ran off 87 plays from scrimmage. "We ran a lot of about everything," said NU running backs coach Frank Solich. "We just ran a lot of plays."

Knox led all players with 120 yards on six carries. Knox, Flowers (13 carries for 80 yards), Mickey Joseph (12-77), Lewis (10-50), Gerry Gdowski (5-42) and Bell (4-33) all gained season highs.

Running back appeared to be a strong position for Nebraska Saturday, despite injuries to two of the top four ball carriers.

Sophomore I-back Terry Rodgers (43 carries, 259 yards), listed with Clark as No. 1 after the UNLV game, injured a knee last week and will miss the remainder of the season.

Sam Schmidt, a junior fullback, broke an ankle against UCLA and can return no sooner than a bowl game.

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Bell Comes Through

Injured teammates put extra responsibilities Saturday on the shoulders of Nebraska wingback Richard Bell.

The junior from Altadena, Calif., responded with 142 all-purpose yards.

Terry Rodgers, NU's sophomore I-

back who usually returns kickoffs, went down for the season with a knee injury last week.

Muscle spasms in his neck kept starting wingback and punt return specialist Dana Brinson in Lincoln for the Kansas game.

Bell filled in for both players. He returned two kickoffs for 47 yards and brought back three KU punts for 36 yards.

Like fellow Husker Morgan Gregory, Bell returned a punt for a touchdown, but Bell's was nullified by a roughing-the-kicker penalty.

Bell caught two passes for 26 yards and rushed for 33 yards on four carries.

The 6-foot, 195-pounder increased his season all-purpose yardage total to 305 yards.


Several Huskers enjoyed a successful day versus the winless Jayhawks.

Quarterback Steve Taylor rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another while accounting for 151 yards in total offense.

Tyrese Knox, senior I-back/full-back, carried just six times for 120 yards, including the Cornhuskers' longest run from scrimmage in 1988, a 51-yard jaunt in the second quarter.

All-American linebacker Broderick Thomas pushed his career marks to 196 total tackles (13th on NU's all-time list) and 121 unassisted stops (6th) with six tackles against Kansas, including one sack and another tackle for a loss.

Redshirt freshmen, I-back Leodis Flowers and quarterback Mickey Joseph, carried the ball more often than any other Huskers, 13 and 12 times, respectively. ■



Injuries have forced Richard Bell to handle extra duties.



Knox moved from I-back to fullback after Schmidt's injury and back to I-back last week when Rodgers got hurt. Flowers, a redshirt freshman, and Lewis, a true freshman, were not listed on NU's three-deep chart to begin the season.

"I think we're all right. We certainly can't afford more injuries," said Solich. "We felt we were going to have depth at both I-back and fullback, and right now that depth is needed."

Fear for another starting member of the backfield surfaced late in Saturday's first quarter when Taylor stayed on the turf after completing an 18-yard run.

He suffered a pinched nerve in his neck, but returned three possessions later.

Taylor completed seven of nine passes for 78 yards, becoming the fifth Nebraska player to move past the 4,000-yard career total offense mark. He now ranks sixth among NU's career passing yardage leaders with 2,306 yards.

"He looked very sharp," said Gregory, who caught one pass for 11 yards. "Coming out and establishing the run like we did makes it easier to pass."

Passing, running, returning punts (121 yards) — it didn't matter Saturday; NU dominated an outmanned Kansas team that dropped to 0-5.

Still, despite the 665 offensive

Osborne took note of Nebraska's improved play.



yards and a solid defensive effort (less than 200 yards except for an 89-yard touchdown pass from Kelly Donohoe to Willie Vaughn), the Cornhuskers will improve.

Taylor swears they can, and must. "You haven't really seen the true capability of the Huskers yet. We know we can do better. We have to do better if we want to win it all." ■

SEASON RECAP	8/27 A&M	9/3 USU	9/10 UCLA	9/24 ASU	10/1 UNLV	10/8 KU	10/15 OSU	10/22 KSU	10/29 MU	11/5 ISU	11/12 CU	11/9 OU	BOWL	SEASON AVERAGE
First Downs	19	34	21	29	26	38								28
Yards Rushing	201	421	260	441	444	547								386
Yards Passing	125	169	125	29	56	118								104
Fumbles - Lost	5-3	0-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-0								2-1
Time of Possession	60%	54%	44%	57%	59%	54%								55%
Third Down Conversions	50%	50%	46%	45%	56%	40%								48%
Final Score	23-14	63-14	28-41	47-16	48-6	63-10								45-17

NOTES & QUOTES

Nebraska's win Saturday gave the Huskers a 71-21-3 advantage in the 95-game series against the Jayhawks, which equals the third-longest in NCAA Division 1-A play.

The Cornhuskers have won 20 in a row against Kansas, including the last nine in Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. KU's last win over Nebraska was 23-13 at Lincoln in 1968.

The Nebraska-Kansas series is continuous since 1906, making it the second-longest continuous series in Division 1-A.

Nebraska posted its 14th consecutive win in a conference opener dating back to a 21-10 loss to Missouri in 1974.

With Saturday's loss to Nebraska, Kansas has now gone winless in its last 15 Big Eight Conference games. The Jayhawks' last league victory was a 34-20 win over Missouri to close out the 1985 season.

Kansas extended its overall winless

string to 12 games, dating to a 16-15 win over Southern Illinois last year at Lawrence and its losing streak to seven games, dating to a 17-17 tie with Kansas State in 1987.

Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor made his first career start against Kansas Saturday. He missed the Huskers' 70-0 win at Lawrence in 1986 because of a bruised back and bruised ribs and last year's 54-2 NU victory in Lincoln due to a bruised shoulder.

In 1985, Taylor saw action versus the Jayhawks as a freshman. He came off the bench to complete one of two passes for 12 yards and rush four times for 48 yards and one touchdown.

Saturday, Taylor threw for one touchdown (a 22-yarder to Todd Milikan) and ran for two more to push his career total-offense touchdown total to 50, third best in Nebraska history behind Dave Humm (53) and Turner Gill (52).

NU's quarterbacks — Taylor, Mickey Joseph, and Gerry Gdowski — accounted for 280 of the Cornhuskers' 665 total yards Saturday.

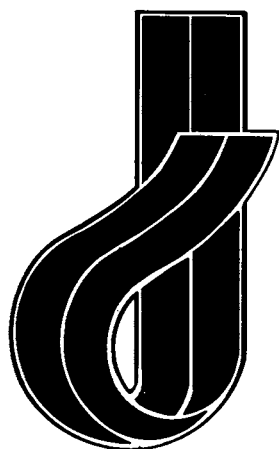
Nebraska's 38 first downs (29 rushing, 7 passing, and 2 by penalties) set a new game record for a Kansas opponent. The Cornhuskers of 1978 and 1980 shared the previous high of 35.

Kansas coach Glen Mason said, "I've got mixed emotions about the outcome, but when you take into account the number of true freshmen who went out and played their hearts out, I was pleased with the effort."

"We didn't give up. It's easy to give up. It's easy to lie on the field. I didn't see anyone lying down on the field and dying."

"We just got beat by a better football team. No embarrassment in that."

Tahaun Lewis, a sophomore cornerback for Nebraska, intercepted the second pass of his career against Kansas.



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The theft ended the Jayhawks' threat in the final moments of the second period. KU quarterback Kelly Donohoe completed a pass to Quinten Smith on the opposite side of the field the play before.

"I sort of knew he was going to come at my side," Lewis said. "They went to the left. So, I figured I was next. I just outjumped (KU receiver Willie) Vaughn for the ball."

Lewis returned the ball 45 yards.

"I was thinking of going all the way, trying to get in the end zone."

Vaughn caught four passes for 114 yards Saturday, including an 89-yard touchdown, to move into second place on KU's career receiving yardage list with 1,843 yards. He now has 108 career receptions, second best ever at KU.

Richard Estell tops Kansas' players in career receiving yards (1,997) and receptions (117).

"They scored 63 points, but we

played hard. But there's no excuse," Vaughn said. "Nebraska is a national power every year. The defense only gave up 14 points in the second half. That gives the defense more confidence."

Tyreese Knox, NU's senior fullback/I-back, experienced his second consecutive successful day.

After gaining a season-high 57 yards in his first career start at fullback versus UNLV, Knox picked up 120 yards on six carries Saturday.

Injuries to Sam Schmidt and Terry Rodgers have Knox occupying both spots in NU's backfield.

"He's got a good attitude," said NU running back coach Frank Solich. "I think he just wants to play. I think he feels comfortable with both positions."

Knox playing musical chairs in the backfield isn't the only oddity caused by injuries; two Kansans are now locked into the top two fullback po-

sitions.

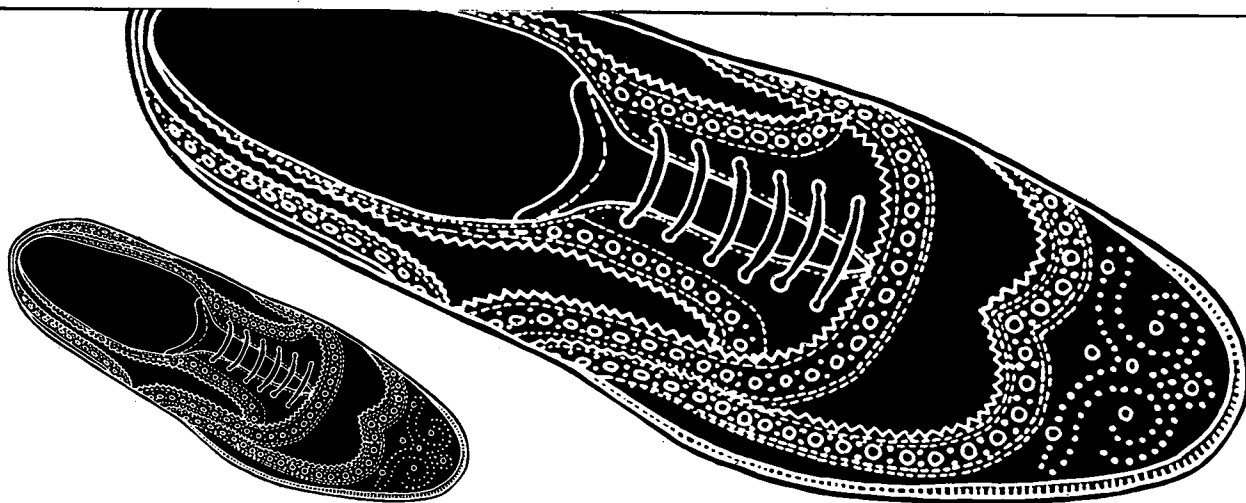
Sophomore Bryan Carpenter (Olathe) and freshman Lance Lewis (Scott City) had many friends and relatives in Memorial Stadium Saturday. They responded by combining for 83 yards on 12 carries and two touchdowns.

Oklahoma State comes to Lincoln Saturday having won just one of 15 previous meetings with the Cornhuskers in Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska leads the 28-game series, 25-2-1, with OSU's only wins coming in the first two games in 1960 and 1961. The two teams battled to a 17-17 tie in 1973.

The Huskers have won the last four games in Lincoln by a combined score of 143-30.

On the cover: Fullback Bryan Carpenter and mates rolled over Kansas in a big way and finally found some first-quarter momentum. Photo by John Bills. ■



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He is only 18-years-old and won't be 19 until next March, but Nebraska's rookie fullback Lance Lewis handled the rapid-fire questions from the media just as well as he did the fired-up Kansas defense.

"Bryan (Carpenter) is still the No. 1 man," Lewis declared. "He has the most experience. I've been No. 3 for a long time and I think the coaches

wanted to see if I could handle No. 2 just as well.

"I don't know whether they (the coaches) planned to split time between us. I guess things just worked out that way."

Lewis, who says his weight "is up to 205 pounds," hammered out 50 yards on 10 carries, including a 5-yard scoring punch to launch the second

quarter for the Huskers, who had already ravaged the out-manned Jayhawks for four first-period touchdowns.

On the year, Lewis has rushed 20 times for 91 yards (a 4.5 per-carry average) and one touchdown. That's a fair accomplishment when one considers that recent Nebraska fullback standouts, such as Ken Kaelin and Micah Heibel, have been seniors. In fact, the Husker fullback stable hasn't included a senior all season except when Tyreese Knox briefly switched from I-back.

Still, Lewis' main concern is helping get his team on the right track.

"We've been starting real, real slow, and Coach (Tom) Osborne told us to go out quickly against Kansas and let a few more guys play," Lewis admitted. "That was our main goal. I guess we did all right."

How did he feel about his play?

He shrugged and added, "I made some mistakes, but I guess everything went all right. I felt I ran the ball a little better. But the more you play, the more you see and learn out there."

Lewis and teammates were knocking on the KU goal midway in the third period, and quarterback Steve Taylor gave the Scott City, Kan., yearling two shots at it before Taylor took things in his own hands with a 1-yard scoring sneak.

"I struggled hard twice," he laughingly claimed. "They (KU defensive linemen) were submarining a lot, and there just wasn't a lot there. I tried to go up and over once, but that's awfully difficult to do from the fullback position."

How about next week and Oklahoma State?

"It'll be tough, especially the way they were whipping up on Colorado," he solemnly added. "You just don't do that (41-21) to Colorado in Boulder."

There was never any doubt Lewis was going to be a Cornhusker despite the fact he had an older brother spend five years in the Kansas State grid program. He chipped in, "I really didn't have that many scholarship offers: KU, K-State and Nebraska, and maybe a few letters."

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think colleges would love Lewis. He was All-State and *USA Today* chose him as Player of the Year among last autumn's crop of high school stars. Playing for Coach Dave Dunham, Lewis rushed for 1,600 yards and 24 touchdowns as a fullback. Plus, he led his conference in tackles as a line-backer, racking up 133 total stops, 88 unassisted. On top of that, he won the 1987 Kansas Class 4A shot put title with a 59-7 heave.

Lewis all but made up his mind two summers ago as he contemplated his college future.

"I went to a summer football camp at Nebraska and really liked it. But when I went to a home game in Lincoln, well, that was the clincher. I knew what it was like at K-State, and it was nothing compared to the feeling you get at Nebraska."

It appears Lewis will have Husker fans feeling that way about him before his tour is completed at Nebraska. ■



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You Just Never Know

After a practice during the week prior to the Nebraska football team's 48-6 victory over Nevada-Las Vegas, Tyreese Knox talked about the role he plays for the Cornhuskers this season.

Two weeks earlier, the senior from Daly City, Calif., had been moved from I-back, where he was third-string behind Ken Clark and Terry Rodgers, to fullback, where he had earned the starting assignment.

You just never know what's going to happen, said Knox, who accepted the switch without complaint.

Then, Sam Schmidt, Nebraska's starting fullback, was sidelined by an ankle injury, later diagnosed as a hairline fracture, during the UCLA game. Bryan Carpenter, who alternated with Schmidt, was slowed by a hamstring injury, which meant true freshman Lance Lewis was the only

reasonably healthy fullback.

So Knox, who spent the spring of his redshirt year at the position, returned to fullback, where it appeared he would finish his college career.

But you never know what'll happen.

Someone might get hurt, and Knox might return to I-back, the position he prefers. That's what happened.

Two days after the Nevada-Las Vegas game, in a non-contact drill, Rodgers attempted to make a sharp cut and blew out a knee. He'll be sidelined for six to nine months following surgery.

So, fullback Knox became I-back Knox, or, perhaps more accurately, fullback/I-back Knox. His ability to play both positions should serve him well as Nebraska enters the second half of the season, the heart of the

Cornhuskers' Big Eight schedule.

But then, you never know.

More about that later.

You might have expected Nebraska to be 5-1 after six of its 12 regular-season games. All but the most optimistic fans would have told you the Cornhuskers might lose once in non-conference play, what with Texas A&M expected to be considerably better than it turned out to be and having to play highly regarded, and certainly not overrated, UCLA at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

Sure, you'd like to *think* Nebraska could sweep through its non-conference games undefeated. But realistically?

Okay. So the Cornhuskers were 4-1 going into the Big Eight and they demolished Kansas (63-10), as recent history dictated they would. And now they'll roll along until their annual showdown with Oklahoma for the conference championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Right? Well, not exactly.

You see, the Sooners may not be quite what they've been in recent seasons.

And Nebraska? We're still wondering a little bit just how good these Cornhuskers are, aren't we?

Even Coach Tom Osborne wonders. "Whether we're a great team or just another good team is more of a quandry than I'd like (it) to be at this point in the season," he said last week.

Beating Kansas, of course, doesn't provide any real answers.

With all due respect, and trying to keep things in perspective, Nebraska's play has, for the most part, been lackluster the first half of this season. Osborne has said as much in so many words. For most programs, a 5-1 record and Top 10 national ranking would be cause for celebration.

Ask Kansas about that.

But the Cornhuskers have come to expect more of themselves.

This team was expected to be a na-



The loss of I-back Terry Rodgers has taxed NU's depth.

tional championship contender, and we're still waiting to find out if it is. This Saturday's game against Oklahoma State, in Lincoln, should give us some insight into that.

The Cowboys have rolled over four opponents with a high-powered offense. "I think they'll bring out the best in us," Cornhusker cornerback Charles Fryar said after the Kansas game.

Broderick Thomas, Nebraska's All-American candidate at outside line-backer, agreed with Fryar.

"If that (the OSU game) doesn't bring it out, nothing will," he said.

Charlie McBride, the Cornhusker defensive coordinator, is still waiting to see what the Black Shirts can do.

Most questions regarding the defense have yet to be answered.

The defensive line, for example, is still developing, with Willie Griffin, Paul Brungardt, Kent Wells and Joe Sims still trying to establish themselves.

Lawrence Pete is finally settling in, after getting a late start at nose-guard. But Mike Murray has been bothered by a wrist injury that requires a cast and, hence, limits his ability to grab blockers and throw them out of his way.

Oklahoma State, with tailback Barry Sanders as the focus of its offense, will give the Cornhusker defensive linemen a critical test.

"Overall, I don't think we've played like we can," McBride said after the victory over Kansas. "Hopefully, this week, we'll start to get down to business because the last two weeks, it's really been tough to get our kids ready to play. We played hard against Texas A&M, but I haven't seen a game where we really dominated anybody."

At no point during the season have the Cornhuskers played up to more than 60 percent of their potential, defensively or offensively, according to Fryar.

"Not hardly, not even close to it."

Offensively, Nebraska has had problems getting started. Osborne said at the weekly Cornhusker Football Club breakfast in Omaha that his team's offensive performance against

UNLV was the worst in two or three seasons.

The 28-point first quarter against Kansas may have been an indication the Cornhuskers have found a solution. "This adds new life to the offense," said wingback Richard Bell.

"We've got our fourth quarter game. We've been able to score in the fourth quarter. Now we can score in the first quarter. We think so, anyway."

The fast start against Kansas "could be the start of something big," he said.

Injuries, as much as anything, may have been the problem on offense. Guard Andy Keeler is about the only lineman who hasn't been bothered at some point by injury, and the back-field problems are illustrated by the shuffling of Knox between I-back and fullback.

Schmidt's injury has cost the Cornhuskers a strong blocker.

And the injury to Rodgers was "really devastating," according to Osborne.

"He hits cracks that nobody else we have does. Down the stretch, I saw him as a real difference-maker."

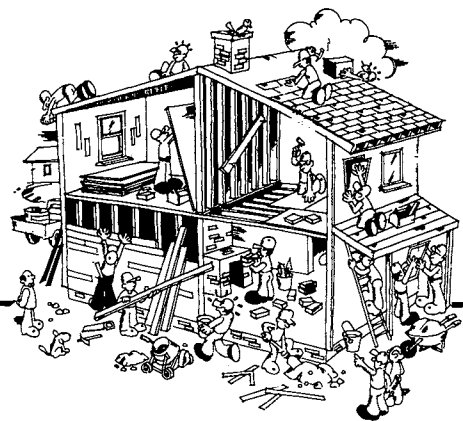
Some things have gone as expected this fall. Thomas has played to his capabilities and is a candidate for the Lombardi and Butkus awards. The senior from Houston "probably is the best outside linebacker in the country at this point, and I imagine the pro draft may verify that," said Osborne.

And quarterback Steve Taylor has been the difference-maker on offense. "He's played well every game, with a couple of exceptional games," Osborne said of the senior from Fresno, Calif.

But how well Nebraska does from here on out will depend not only on Thomas and Taylor but also on players like Knox and others. They may be asked to assume a variety of responsibilities to which they are just becoming accustomed.

In the victory over Kansas, Knox ran for 120 yards and one touchdown on only six carries, as an I-back. It appears now that's the position at which he'll wrap up his college career.

But you never know what'll happen. ■



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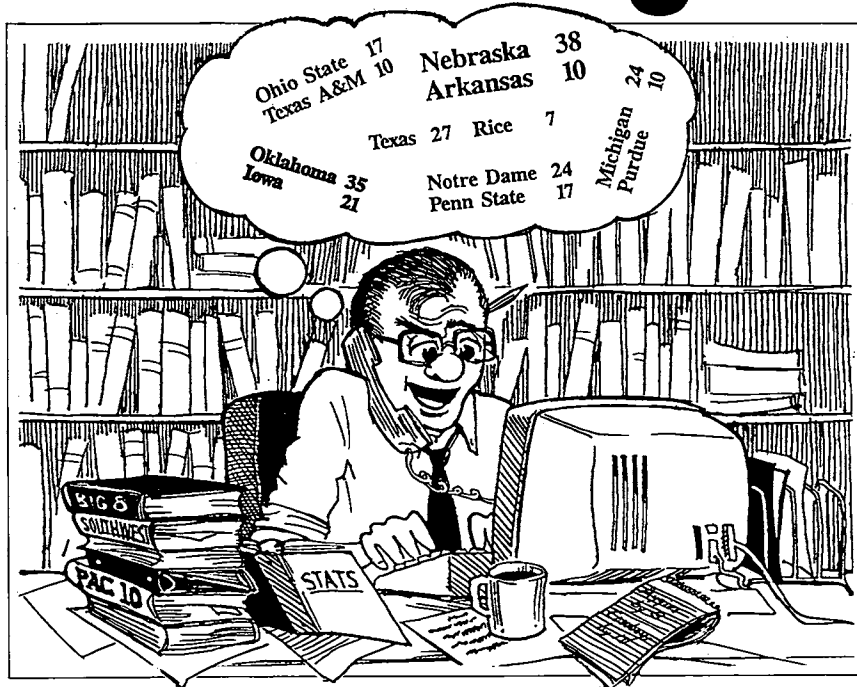
NU-OSU Will Be Tight

John Koch, KNOP-TV, North Platte, Neb.: "Is this the year little Okie State finally comes out the winner against Nebraska? Barry Sanders brings in some incredible statistics, but he'll face his first tough defense in the Nebraska contest. Mike Gundy could very well be the key in this ball game. If he connects on his first few passes and heats up early, things could become very interesting. Nebraska may still be trying to shake the first-quarter jitters against a quality opponent, but the Cowboys are the type of team that Nebraska will figure out and shut down.

"Will Okie State finally beat the Big, Bad Red of the North? My gut feeling tells me no, not this year. I'll pick the Huskers to win, 41-24, in a high-scoring offensive showdown."

Russ Lemmon, *Scottsbluff Star-Herald*, Scottsbluff, Neb.: "This game figures to be a very close, high-scoring contest. Look at what Oklahoma State did in their pre-conference schedule. They averaged 53.3 points per game (first in the nation) and the closest game that they had was a 21-point landslide over Tulsa. The key to this game for the Huskers is that they have to outscore the Cowboys. They can't rely on their defense to continuously shut down the Cowboy offense.

"Nebraska has to come back, after playing Nevada-Las Vegas and Kansas in consecutive weeks, with their heads on straight and ready to play a quality opponent. Mike Gundy and Hart Lee Dykes could cause the Huskers some problems if Gundy gets hot and OSU has Barry Sanders to offset their passing game. With him in the backfield, Oklahoma State has a chance to win this game. I'll say **Nebraska 38, Oklahoma State 35**. This will be a great showcase of two excellent offensive powers, but I think the Cowboys may be a little bit tired after the game at Colorado. The people that show the television games of the week on CBS and ABC missed a good game to televise."



Mike Jeffries, *Tulsa World*, Tulsa, Okla.: "I really believe that Oklahoma State will take selective advantage of a strong senior squad to play remarkably well against the Huskers at Lincoln. OSU has a developing defense, although the Cowboys might be appropriately less confident in their offense against a Black Shirt defense which was embarrassed by UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Nebraska plays well anywhere, but it will certainly help the Huskers to be playing OSU at home.

"Both of these teams are very strong on offense. The Cowboys will go for some big plays against the Husker defense, but what they will get from those plays will be an unpleasant matter. Neither one of these defenses will be able to completely 'stop' the other offense. Instead, the Huskers will have to try to 'out-offense' Oklahoma State and, hopefully for them, to be successful.

"This game could be for the Big Eight crown, even though the games with the Sooners will be as important as ever. The Big Eight is more balanced this year after Oklahoma

and Nebraska lost to USC and UCLA. The Big Two's vulnerability should encourage the suddenly Not-So-Little Six. Let's say **Nebraska 31, OSU 23**."

Scott Wilson, *Tulsa World*, Tulsa, Okla.: "The Oklahoma State offense moved the ball literally at will against Miami of Ohio, Texas A&M and Tulsa. That won't be the case Saturday in Lincoln, however. Oh, they'll move it forward against the Huskers, unlike Utah State did, but it won't be nearly as much as Cowboy fans have become accustomed to in recent weeks. OSU has a very potent offense in Mike Gundy, Hart Lee Dykes, Barry Sanders and Mitch Nash. The Black Shirts may have a difficult time stopping the multi-faced Cowboy offense, but playing Oklahoma State for homecoming will certainly fire up the Husker team as a whole.

"This game could very well determine the Big Eight's representative to Miami on New Year's night. The two Oklahoma teams and Nebraska are the main contenders, but you can't count out Colorado either. You can count out the other four schools, but you could do that before the season

began. My pick for the final score? 27-24, but I can't tell you who the winner will be. This game will be one that won't be over until the final gun."

Darin David, *The Collegian*, Tulsa, Okla.: "I don't think that Nebraska will be as successful against Oklahoma State as they were in last year's 35-0 shutout of the Cowboys, but they will be a lot better than anyone else that OSU has faced this season. Oklahoma State will put some points on the board, but not as many as they're used to. The Cowboy passing game (primarily Gundy and Dykes) will be more successful than their running game. In last year's game, the Huskers held Thurman Thomas to 7 yards and their linebackers are the same people. If Oklahoma State wins, it will be through the air.

"Nebraska's offense is the key to this game. If they are in synch with each other, Oklahoma State is in deep trouble. The University of Tulsa scored 35 points against them and the Huskers are a lot better than TU. I look for the Huskers to run a lot. They will try to keep the Cowboy offense off of the field as much as possible. Steve Taylor should also be able to pass the ball whenever he wants to. He can do so many things. His scrambling ability may help Nebraska, but it will be up to the running backs to carry the load and set up the big plays for Taylor.

"Oklahoma State does not have a good record in this series. They always seem to let the close games get away in the end and, sometimes, they hardly even show up. Their history in Lincoln is even worse. This is the closest that OSU has been to Nebraska's level in years. Using Texas A&M as a gauge, OSU appears to be an easy winner, but the Cowboy defense is weak and Nebraska has a habit of shutting down great backs like Barry Sanders. This year? The Cowboys will let another golden opportunity slip away in Lincoln. My pick is Nebraska by 6 points, 36-30."

Brian Beard, *The Redskin*, Stillwater, Okla.: "There are three keys to success for OSU in this game. First, OSU has to tighten up their defense. They can't let the Husker ground

game eat up the clock and a lot of yardage. Secondly, they have to keep a positive attitude toward this game. They can't let Nebraska beat them before the game even begins. Thirdly, the Cowboys can't commit any turnovers. If they do, it will really hurt their chances of winning this game. The Oklahoma State offense will give the Huskers several different looks. The Cowboys can attack you through the air with Mike Gundy and Hart Lee Dykes, or through the ground game with Barry Sanders. These three are the key weapons for OSU. Playing in Lincoln won't really matter to the Cowboys. Oklahoma State has had little success against the Huskers in Stillwater or Lincoln.

"This is a very big game for both of these teams. However, the Huskers are used to playing in the big-game situations and they also have the home-field advantage. On the other hand, Oklahoma State is not used to playing in this kind of game. They are also trying to establish themselves as a Big Eight contender.

"Oklahoma State passed pretty good tests against Texas A&M and Colorado. Nebraska also, against A&M and UCLA. Both teams know where their teams stand and what they must do to reach the Orange Bowl. Both teams have a good shot. Let's say Nebraska will win by 7."

Huskers Illustrated: "Once again, talk of the 'Triplets in Orange' arises from Stillwater. Sure, Gundy, Sanders and Dykes had their way with Miami (no, not of Florida — of Ohio), ripped Texas A&M (after Hurricane Gilbert gave the Texas Aggies an unexpected week off), slapped Tulsa (a school with 15,000 less students), and kicked the Buffs, 41-21. But . . . they haven't run into a Black Shirt defense, yet.

"Last year's OSU squad was blanked by the Huskers in Stillwater. This year, the game is in Lincoln and Nebraska is ready. If Sanders is counting on this game winning him the Heisman, he may need to ask Thurman Thomas how to cope with his depression. We don't see this game being too high-scoring, but it will be fun to watch. We'll go with Nebraska 27, Oklahoma State 17." ■

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Oklahoma State Cowboys

The Oklahoma State Cowboys are out to show the country the Big Eight is no longer the "Big Two, Little Six." OSU would, if possible, like to change that concept to perhaps, the "Big Three, Little Five," or even leapfrog the "Big Two" altogether.

In OSU's first four games they weren't challenged, with the possible exception of Tulsa and Colorado. Miami of Ohio watched as tailback Barry Sanders cut, swerved and dashed to a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the second straight year he has accomplished that feat in an opening game. If that's not enough, he also rushed for 178 yards as the hungry Cowboys pounced the Redskins, 52-20.

Two weeks later, the Aggies from Texas A&M came calling with an 0-3 record and a two-year punishment from the NCAA. Jackie Sherrill and crew found out just how hungry the Cowboys were as Sanders again ran wild, this time for 157 yards and a 68-yard punt return for a TD, to maul the Aggies, 52-15.

Next, it was Tulsa's turn, and Sanders turned up the heat. Again the Cowboys scored over 50 points, winning in a landslide as No. 21 exploded for a whopping 304 yards.

It should come as no surprise that Sanders led the nation in a "few" major categories after three games: rushing (813 yards/203 yards per game), kickoff returns (37.25 per return), all-purpose running (1098 yards/274.5 yards per game), and scoring. Oh, yes, in three games, he had 15 touchdowns.

Sanders, however, is not OSU's only star, not by a long shot. Calling the signals is possible All-Big Eight quarterback Mike Gundy, who, like Sanders, is near or at the top of some statistical categories. After three games, the Midwest City, Okla., junior lead the nation in passing efficiency, including a completion rate of 68 percent and 833 yards.

If Sanders and Gundy aren't enough, there is wide receiver Hart Lee Dykes, who has snared 20 completions for 422 yards and is a dan-

gerous threat at any time. Many feel this triple threat is the most dangerous in the Big Eight since Turner Gill, Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar ripped through the country for Nebraska in 1983.

Though the Cowboys have not had much difficulty with their opponents, the defense is a major area of concern. Despite whipping Texas A&M soundly on the scoreboard, the Pokes surrendered over 470 yards to the Aggies. O-State also allowed Tulsa to come within striking distance as the Golden Hurricane put on a furious rally only to fall short.

To break that "Big Two" lock, OSU's defense must solidify.

Strengths: Oklahoma State has perhaps the most explosive offense in the country with Barry Sanders, a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate.

Weaknesses: The defense, while it has some experienced and talented players, has a tendency to break down.

Statistically Speaking: Simply put, between these two teams, there are just a whole bunch of BIG statistics. ■

The Report Card

NU	POS.	OSU
A	QB	A-
B	RB	A
A-	OL	B
B+	E	A-
B	DL	B-
A	LB	B+
B+	DB	C-
B+	K	B+

Nebraska vs. Oklahoma State

When: 1:30 p.m. (Central), Saturday, Oct. 15.

Where: Memorial Stadium, Lincoln, Neb.

Media Coverage: Husker Football Network.

Cowboy Facts: Coach — Pat Jones (Arkansas, 1969) is 4-0 in his fifth year at Oklahoma State with an overall record of 38-13-0. School Colors — Orange and Black. Nickname — Cowboys. Conference — Big Eight. Enrollment — 21,000. Basic Offense — I. Basic Defense — 5-2.

The Series: Nebraska leads 25-2-1. Last year, NU shut down Oklahoma State and Thurman Thomas, 35-0. The Black Shirts held OSU's all-time leading rusher to just 7 yards on nine carries,

dashing his hopes for winning the Heisman Trophy. The Cowboys have not beaten Nebraska since 1961 when the Pokes upended Bill Jennings' final Husker team, 14-6. The year before, OSU edged the Cornhuskers, 7-6, to take the first meeting between the two schools. Nebraska has a 14-game winning streak against the Cowboys with the only tie in this lopsided series coming in 1973 in Tom Osborne's first season as head coach when the two schools played to a 17-17 standoff. Under Tom Osborne, Nebraska is 14-0-1 against Oklahoma State, with 29-10 being the average score. ■

COACH'S EVALUATION

Tom Osborne

Headed the Right Way

"I thought the guys played pretty hard. I think our offensive execution was very good, particularly in the first two periods. I would imagine that players on our second units played more than our first-string players did. And that was true on both sides of the ball.

"Kansas played hard against us. I think they've pretty much just run out of defensive people because of injuries, academic problems and other things. Their offense has some fine individual talent, and it showed. They did a good job.

"Steve Taylor got a pinched nerve in his shoulder in the first half, but Steve's going to be all right. There didn't seem to be any problem with Steve at all.

"I don't think we had any serious injuries. Doug Glaser, an offensive tackle, had a sore ankle, and we held him out from the middle of the second quarter on. Morgan Gregory, split end, bruised his hip, and he was held out, too. But Morgan should be all right. So, we got some bumps and bruises, but there was nothing serious enough to keep people out of the Oklahoma State game.

"This was a hard game to play. And it was also kind of a hard game to prepare for. I thought our players did a much better job this week than they did last week against Nevada-Las Vegas, particularly on offense. We were pretty sharp until maybe the last part of the game. We have some guys on our second unit, particularly in the offensive line, who need a lot of experience.

"So, we were able to slow ourselves down somewhat in the second half, which was all right because we didn't want to run up the score on Kansas unnecessarily. I don't think we did.

"Overall, it was a good performance.

"I thought the kicking game went pretty well. The kickoffs generally were good. The coverage was good. I thought we had some fine returns and we only punted one time.

"We did have quite a few penalties,

but that happens when you play second- and third-team players as much as we did.

"Kansas' offense was probably comparable to the Kansas offenses we've seen in the past. However, their defense was probably as ineffective as any we've played against. That's due to injuries and people quitting. Over-

all, they played hard, I thought. I think Glen Mason is a good coach, and he'll get the team turned around if you give him time.

"For us, though, we'll have our hands full next week with Oklahoma State. Beating Colorado like that, Oklahoma State is a fine ball club.

"This could be their best team in a long, long time. They've got outstanding individual talent, and they just don't turn the ball over." ■

COWBOY 2-DEEP

OFFENSE

TE	93 Vance Vice	6-5	247	jr.
	89 Scott Chaplin	6-5	235	jr.
LT	62 Mike Wolfe	6-5	275	sr.
	65 Matt Kolb	6-4	250	sr.
LG	59 Chris Stanley	6-4	270	sr.
	71 Brent Davis	6-3	247	jr.
C	51 John Boisvert	6-2	255	sr.
	66 Scott Webb	6-3	250	so.
RG	73 Jason Kidder	6-3	275	sr.
	78 Roger Gibbs	6-5	245	jr.
RT	56 Byron Woodard	6-2	300	sr.
	72 Joel Fry	6-5	270	so.
SE	11 Hart Lee Dykes	6-4	220	sr.
	17 Curtis Mayfield	6-0	175	so.
QB	12 Mike Gundy	6-0	190	jr.
	13 Chris Smith	6-1	185	so.
FB	32 Garrett Limbrick	6-2	225	sr.
	26 Cecil Wilson	5-10	215	so.
TB	21 Barry Sanders	5-8	195	jr.
	22 Mitch Nash	5-9	190	sr.
FL	19 Jarrod Green	6-1	200	jr.
	29 Brent Parker	5-11	185	so.
PK	25 Cary Blanchard	6-1	195	so.
	9 Brad Dennis	5-7	150	sr.

DEFENSE

DE	98 David Bailey	6-4	235	sr.
	49 Alvin Briscoe	6-1	210	fr.
LT	91 Brandon Colbert	6-2	260	so.
	97 Marcus Wharry	6-4	245	fr.
NG	60 Marcus Jones	6-2	275	sr.
	58 Ruben Oliver	5-10	250	so.
RT	57 Shawn Mackey	6-3	245	so.
	69 Ken Grant	6-6	250	jr.
DE	14 Rod Gaines	6-0	220	sr.
	31 Devin Jones	6-1	210	so.
LB	44 Mike Aboussie	6-1	225	so.
	37 Bobby Raynor	6-0	240	fr.
LB	53 Sim Drain	6-0	220	jr.
	40 Vernon Victor	6-2	220	jr.
LC	2 Melvin Gilliam	5-11	170	sr.
	1 Mike Clark	5-10	175	fr.
SS	7 Lamar McGriggs	6-2	190	jr.
	39 Fred Gaines	6-0	205	so.
FS	45 Rod Smith	6-1	205	jr.
	42 Kevin Blake	6-2	190	fr.
RC	4 Jason Juhl	5-8	170	jr.
	5 Joe King	6-3	180	so.
P	25 Cary Blanchard	6-1	195	so.
	30 Dan Flynn	5-11	190	jr.

CORNHUSKER 2-DEEP

OFFENSE

SE	19 Morgan Gregory	6-0	185	jr.
	22 Nate Turner	6-1	220	fr.
LT	62 Bob Sledge	6-2	270	sr.
	78 Tom Punt	6-8	270	so.
LG	65 Andy Keeler	6-3	265	sr.
	53 Mark Antonietti	6-2	265	sr.
C	68 Jake Young	6-5	260	jr.
	59 Jeff Anderson	6-4	270	jr.
RG	76 John Nelson	6-1	260	jr.
	69 Bill Bobbora	6-3	260	jr.
RT	70 Doug Glaser	6-7	295	jr.
	77 Terry Eymann	6-6	265	so.
TE	43 Todd Millikan	6-3	245	sr.
	85 Monte Kratzenstein	6-4	225	jr.
QB	9 Steve Taylor	6-0	205	sr.
	14 Gerry Gdowski	6-1	195	jr.
FB	29 Bryan Carpenter	5-10	200	jr.
	18 Lance Lewis	6-0	200	fr.
IB	32 Ken Clark	5-9	200	jr.
	34 Tyreese Knox	5-10	215	sr.
WB	33 Dana Brinson	5-9	170	sr.
	21 Richard Bell	6-0	195	jr.
PK	16 Chris Drennan	5-9	180	jr.
	44 Gregg Barrios	5-8	180	so.

DEFENSE

OLB	89 Broderick Thomas	6-3	235	sr.
	93 Jon Marco	6-1	220	sr.
LT	84 Willie Griffin	6-3	275	sr.
	56 Joe Sims	6-4	265	so.
MG	96 Lawrence Pete	6-1	270	sr.
	74 Mike Murray	5-10	240	jr.
RT	95 Paul Brungardt	6-7	255	so.
	91 Kent Wells	6-5	285	jr.
OLB	42 Jeff Mills	6-3	220	jr.
	88 Mike Croel	6-3	215	so.
SLB	55 Randall Jobman	6-3	230	jr.
	47 LeRoy Etienne	6-1	230	jr.
WLB	40 Pat Tyrance	6-2	230	so.
	49 Chris Caliendo	6-3	240	jr.
LCB	8 Lorenzo Hicks	6-0	195	sr.
	28 John Custard	5-9	165	sr.
RCB	10 Charles Fryar	5-10	175	sr.
	5 Tahaun Lewis	5-11	170	so.
SS	17 Reggie Cooper	6-3	200	so.
	23 Mark Blazek	6-2	200	sr.
S	4 Tim Jackson	6-0	190	sr.
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I-back-fullback Tyreese Knox is back at I-back again after the season-ending injury to Terry Rodgers. "Like I said before, you never know what's going to happen," said Knox, who went from No. 3 I-back to starting fullback and back to No. 2 I-back in a period of three weeks. "I feel bad for Terry and I'm glad I can help out wherever they need me."

Mike Croel, who fills in for the Cornhuskers at outside linebacker on the dime defense, said he wants to create a "mean streak" to become a more complete player. Croel, a sophomore from Sudbury, Mass., has played plenty this fall. His high school teammate, Joe Sims, got his first start ever as a defensive tackle against Kansas.

Defensive tackle Paul Brungardt has a problem when his old high school plays its archrival. Brungardt, a graduate of Battle Creek, Neb., has split loyalties when Battle Creek plays Humphrey St. Francis. Brungardt's father coaches girls' basketball at St. Francis and his mother coaches volleyball at Battle Creek. Brungardt's sister is a scholarship volleyball player at Illinois State.

Freshman defensive lineman Jeremiah Clark said he is trying hard to gain weight. He's put on 10 pounds and is up to 230 on his 6-foot-4 frame, but he wants to gain more. "They've got a program where I'm supposed to eat five meals a day. I don't know if there's enough time in the day to eat that much," he said.

Former Cornhusker quarterback Dave Humm, the all-time passing leader at Nebraska, was in Lincoln for the game with Nevada-Las Vegas. He said he was impressed with the Cornhuskers. "They look pretty complete to me. I think Steve Taylor is a great quarterback and just what Coach Osborne needs to run the team." Humm said that under today's NU offense, he would probably have never been recruited by Nebraska. "My problem is that I couldn't run fast enough to mess up my hair," he said.

Kansas starting linebacker Jason Tyrer, younger brother of former NU defensive end Brad Tyrer (1984-86), said he's been a Nebraska fan all his life. "But they've become my No. 2



Ron Brown

favorite team now that I'm at Kansas," he said.

NU linebacker Chris Caliendo, who got his first career start against Kansas, said spending time with motivational tapes helped him improve from No. 3 weakside linebacker to No. 1. "I can relax and concentrate on my duties and look at what's in front of me and not what's behind me, not what anybody else thinks and get the job done." When asked about his first start, Caliendo said, "I've waited a long time and now I've got a chance. I don't think anybody will be disappointed." Strangely enough, Caliendo was an all-state center at Brookfield East High School in Brookfield, Wisc.

Sports Video Producer, Dan Livingston said that his company will sell more than 35,000 game tapes of Nebraska games by the end of the season. "We have subscribers from Denmark, England, Australia and a whole bunch of other countries," he said. "It's gone very well and I think the Husker fans across the world are having fun following the Husker games." Livingston, who does the Tom Osborne and Danny Nee coaches' shows said that he plans to telecast at least one NU football game this fall.

Nebraska receivers coach Ron

Brown has his players catch 100 passes a day to improve on techniques. Brown, a former defensive back at Brown University, throws most of those passes.

Lately, he has been throwing tennis balls to his receivers. "We've dropped a couple of passes and catching the greenish tennis balls against the green background of the field makes the players concentrate and focus on the ball all the way into their hands," he said. "The tennis ball, being a smaller object than a football, makes the players shut out everything else to make the catch."

NU Coach Tom Osborne said he didn't know about the claims that Kansas had asked Auburn to keep the clock running during the 56-7 Auburn win in Alabama three weeks ago. "I've never heard of anybody doing that but if you stay in this game long enough you see everything. I just hope I'm not the one asking for that in the future. During the first quarter of the UCLA game, it might have crossed my mind, though."

Wingback Richard Bell said the Cornhuskers listen closely to Osborne. "Coach Osborne said every time we've won the kicking game, we've won the game. And when he says something, it's kind of like E.F. Hutton. You listen." ■

Only once in the last five years have both Oklahoma and Nebraska lost a non-conference game before the bulk of Big Eight Conference football is underway. Since it has happened this fall many think detractors, who call it the "Big-Two and Little-Six," may not be accurate in using such defiling terms.

Of course, any such axiom cuts both ways. It's true the Sooners and Cornhuskers each have an unaccustomed early season hickey. The last time this took place (1985), the Huskers tailed off a little (9-3), but OU recovered in time to wax Penn State, 25-10, in the Orange Bowl and win the national championship.

It's likely no single weekend will make the entire season, but sometimes it only takes one upset to start

the league to have four unbeaten, non-league records in the 1980s. The Pokes have the most compelling non-conference record under Coach Pat Jones (17-2) but in 1988 the OSU opposition has a rather paltry 3-14 record over the first weeks of the season.

Save for Barry Switzer and Tom Osborne, OSU's Jones is the most successful coach against non-conference opposition, having gone 17-2 since taking the post at Stillwater in 1984. Other than OU, Nebraska and OSU, no other conference team under its present coach has won as many contests against outside opposition as it has lost.

CU's Bill McCartney is in his seventh season and is 13-15 against outside teams, while Woody Widen-

but-talented Sooners a little younger and less talented than almost anyone would have imagined. But OU is still a very strong ball club.

Coach Switzer has had to shuffle players to tight end on almost a weekly basis after OU's top three athletes there were felled by injuries or academic woes. However, two of those players — Billy Dykes and Duncan Parham — could be 100 percent by November.

Elsewhere, Oklahoma lost All-Big Eight center Bob Latham to a knee injury in its season opener, but, again, this star could return for the stretch-drive. These early shocks at center and tight end have contributed to the powerful Sooner wishbone's slow progress. OU coaches say point-blank, the offense is not nearly where they hoped it would be.

The defense, however, is better than expected. Led by DT Scott Evans and DE James Goode, the Sooners have developed rapidly on defense despite missing key players like CB Lonnie Finch, LB Richard Dillon and NG Dante Williams. Switzer is cautiously optimistic about his defense because Dillon and Williams could well return by season's end. Finch will not.

So, the Sooners have had to endure some early obstacles, including a 23-7 loss to Southern Cal. OU coaches realistically see more close games than they've had in recent years, but they also feel their young team could gel down the stretch. Remember, they still have Jamelle Holieway, Charles Thompson and a stable of swift running backs.

OKLAHOMA STATE (3-0)

Coach: Pat Jones, 5th year (17-2)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Miami (O.)	52-20	0-5
Texas A&M	52-15	1-3
Tulsa	56-35	1-2
Dec. 4 — Texas Tech at Tokyo		

The Cowboys have a trio of awesome offensive weapons in TB Barry Sanders, QB Mike Gundy and SE Hart Lee Dykes. Sanders has made

Halfway Home

THE BIG EIGHT SHAPES UP AS A TIGHT RACE BECAUSE OF SOME UNEXPECTED TWISTS.

a trend. If this is the season for either Colorado or Oklahoma State to break up the dominance, it will be the first since 1976 (when the Buffaloes, Cowboys and Sooners shared the grid crown) that OU and Nebraska have had to share the conference football fortunes with any other league member.

At the moment, the Big Eight grid image appears more vulnerable than in any recent season and admittedly the league isn't as stout as the phenomenal 1971 season when Nebraska, OU and CU finished one-two-three in the final wire service polls. There are those who think things haven't changed and a growing number who feel that OSU and CU weren't playing for third place last weekend.

The flight of non-conference games was more than the normal tuneup. Colorado went 4-0 for the first time in a decade and if the Cowboys win a late-season hookup with Texas Tech in Tokyo, OSU will the only team in

hofer is 4-11-1 in his fourth rocky season at Missouri. Offensive-minded Jim Walden at Iowa State was 2-5 going into last week's game against Northern Iowa, while Stan Parrish has suffered in three seasons at K-State at 1-11. KU's Glen Mason was blanked four straight times in his maiden cruise at Lawrence.

So, the chase is on and here are some thoughts on how well equipped, or ill equipped, the contenders and pretenders appear to be.

OKLAHOMA (3-1)

Coach: Barry Switzer, 16th year (48-13-3)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
North Carolina	28-0	0-4
Arizona	28-10	3-2
Southern Cal	7-23	4-0
Iowa State	35-7	1-3

Oct. 8 — Texas

Oklahoma was stunned by unexpected preseason and early season problems that have left the young-

the OSU followers forget the name of Thurman Thomas, at least in the early going. He has rushed and scored at a nationally ranked pace while Gundy and Dykes have done "their thing" at almost the same rate.

Coach Pat Jones claims, "Sanders' performances have been astounding because he's an astounding athlete."

It also helps when heralded players like Dykes and Gundy play as well as expected but none of these three could do what they've done without help. The Cowboy offensive line has well trained seniors from tackle to tackle with 304-pound Byron Woodward possibly the best of this effective group.

Still, the Cowboys haven't found a top-flight tight end, although true freshman Lee Keith is labeled as a can't-miss prospect. Gundy had to use his ability to read defenses when he found Dykes double- and triple-covered. At first he forced the ball, then recently has had little trouble in finding a number of other receivers relatively wide open.

Admittedly, the Pokes haven't answered their numerous defensive questions. At times, OSU plays proud defense and at others, it appears someone failed to give the defense a "wake up" call. This side of the ball isn't without talent when you see DBs like Melvin Gilliam and Rod Smith, DT Brandon Colbert and DE David Bailey.

While it's likely the defense should improve more than the offense, over the haul of an entire conference season the defense will have to save at least two, maybe three games and this is the Achilles' heel for the Pokes.

Coach Jones says, "The teams in the league who have been good will be good again. Colorado is a very good team. In conference games, it means everybody has to turn up the intensity level another notch."

COLORADO (4-0)

Coach: Bill McCartney, 7th year (13-15)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Fresno State	45-3	2-3
Iowa	24-21	2-2-1



Hart Lee Dykes and the OSU offense are on a record-setting pace.

Oregon State	24-21	3-2
Colorado St.	27-23	0-4

For the first time in 10 years the Buffaloes won all four non-conference games, an emotional high for Coach Bill McCartney and players. The preseason was relatively injury-free for the Buffs and all of the players are out of McCartney's dog house.

Several figure the Buffs have been a team to "find a way to win" the early games and this is the healthiest sign of better things to come. Offensively, HB Eric Bieniemy can run with the best in the league and in the nation, too. He heads a list of excellent runners with alphabet names like, J. J. Flannigan, M. J. Nelson, O. C. Oliver and fellow starter, Mike Pritchard.

QB Sal Aunese has benefited most from CU's use of the Power 'Bone offense. He throws better every game and the option play has always been his cup. There's size, experience and ability in an offensive line which CU people think is the best in the league. The "all" candidate in this group is senior center Erik Norgard. Toss in the fact that SE Jeff Campbell averages 28 yards per reception and you can see why CU feels the offensive locker is loaded.

While the Buffs don't think the

defense has "quite come together," in the same breath they'll tell you DEs Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee, both rangy Texas sophomores, are the best pair at their positions in the league. The defensive line is adequate enough to keep blockers off of a pair of tough and talented LBs, Don DeLuzio and Michael Jones.

The secondary has ability but it's short on experience. If an opponent can keep Williams and McGhee off the passer, it has a good chance to pass successfully. The kicking game is A-plus, thanks to punter Keith English.

Coach McCartney says, "We're coming off an unbeaten non-conference season, the first since I've been here. I said this before the season started and I still feel it's not just Nebraska and OU, then the rest of us. It takes just one upset on any given day and things can change in a hurry."

MISSOURI (1-2-1)

Coach: Woody Widenhofer, 4th year (4-11-1)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Utah State	35-21	1-3
Houston	7-31	3-0
Indiana	28-28	3-0-1
Miami (Fla.)	0-55	4-0

Coach Woody Widenhofer survived a murderous preseason schedule with only two losses and an agonizing string of illnesses and injuries which devastated the offensive line. In the spring, the Tigers worked hard on developing the passing of former SMU quarterback John Stollenwerck and thought they had made immense progress until three starters were chopped down by accidents and illness.

To emphasize the problem, Ole Mizzou used 13 different offensive linemen in its first game. Center Curtis Wilson is the only starter not to have made the red-cross list and he's a good one. To offset the lack of protection for Stollenwerck, to the rescue have come a pair of dandy RBs, Michael Jones and Smiley Elmore. Jones is a powerhouse with more than adequate speed while Elmore, who

came to Columbia when Wichita State dropped football, is a rocket, as is his backup, Charles Quint.

To further complicate matters, Stollenwerck needs to get over a sore shoulder and then Missouri can get into high gear.

The defensive line is solid against the run but it hasn't given the Tigers the desired pass rush. When Mizzou uses the blitz it forces more man-for-man coverage, which proved costly against the throwing talents it has faced. LB A. J. Miller is the team's leading tackler and considered an "all-conference" type player. Veterans Darryl Darling, Kevin White, Steve Vandergrift and Lee Johnson anchor a beefy defensive wall which has had success stuffing the rush. CB Adrian Jones played the first four games with a cast completely covering his left hand and still came away with three interceptions. He's the best of a pretty good lot in the secondary.

Coach Woody says, "We'll bounce back and it will be interesting to see what kind of character this team has. We play Kansas State and Iowa State in our two conference games and while we're not that much better than they are, it's better than having to open with Nebraska and Oklahoma. While OU and Nebraska are always favored, OSU must be able to move the ball up and down the field but I feel Colorado is the type of team which will get better and better as the season goes along."

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Tulane	30-13	2-3
Baylor	0-35	3-2
Iowa	3-10	2-2-1
Oklahoma	7-35	3-1
Oct. 8 — Northern Iowa		

The Cyclones are in their second season under Coach Jim Walden, who many well-informed people think is the kind of man to bring ISU back to the glory days of Johnny Majors. Walden installed a complicated and successful passing attack at Washington

State, which was no easy chore, and by his own admission the Cyclones aren't there yet but progressing rather satisfactorily.

The most pleasant surprise, QB Bret Oberg, is a paradox. He's been better than can be expected for a junior college transfer, who didn't enroll at Ames until autumn. When pre-season QB choice Derek DeGennaro went down with a disabling knee injury, Walden and staff had to start all over with their complex offensive scheme.

TB Joe Henderson is a Big Eight-caliber rusher and the same can be said for SE Dennis Ross in catching the ball. The offensive line is huge and protects well enough but Walden can't install as much offense as he wishes. Everything seems to be falling in place except for lack of experience at the all-important quarterback spot.

The smallish defensive line was a worry at first but seems to be more than able to survive, while LB Mike Shane is an over-achiever who keeps the defense keyed up. DBs Jeff Dole and Ray Carreathers are up to Big Eight standards and place-kicker Jeff Shudak was all-conference in 1987 as a freshman.

Recently, lack of numbers has plagued the Cyclones. In the ninth game of the '87 season, ISU had only 45 players on scholarship. Now, the total is 75 and in two more seasons Walden will have a team he has principally recruited. Time, of course, will take care of quantity but the quality player is the most difficult to get, even for the personable and talented Walden.

Walden says, "I feel Colorado and OSU are closing the gap on Nebraska and OU, but it has to be done on the field first. We're ahead of where we were a year ago and I feel good about the direction we're going. We have some awfully young kids and as they improve we'll keep introducing more offense, at least as much as we think our quarterbacks can handle."

KANSAS STATE (O-4)

Coach: Stan Parrish, 3rd year (1-11)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Tulsa	9-35	1-2
Iowa	10-45	2-2-1
Tulane	16-20	2-3
Louisiana Tech	28-31	2-3

Regardless of his resignation at the end of this season, Stan Parrish has made Kansas State a better team, but it's obvious K-State hasn't been able to improve the lot of the football coach. Mid-season resignations will leave emotions in a state of flux and at KSU might even take away the impact of freshman QB Paul Watson's impressive return from a shoulder injury.

Two weeks ago Watson took the field against Louisiana Tech and passed for 362 yards, to seven different receivers, and netted four touchdowns. Both performances broke school records previously owned by legendary Lynn Dickey.

Greg Washington, a speedy transfer from Cincinnati, is the league's leading receiver and should benefit greatly from Watson's return. The offensive line is huge but average and a 240-pound fullback, Lee Pickett, should help young backs like Antoine Dulan and Sonny Ray Jones. But, maybe the most bona fide offensive threat is PK Mark Porter, who is 5-for-5 on field goals, hasn't missed an extra point try and has the conference's longest 3-pointer this year, a 49-yarder.

Defensively, there's not a recognizable name. LB's Erick Harper and Maurice Henry, the latter a former running back, are surprisingly able but an undersized defensive line can't keep the blockers off these two, thereby limiting their effectiveness.

The best thing going for K-State, other than a slightly improved offense, is the anemic football program at arch-rival Kansas. KU has only distant grid tradition to draw on but KSU alumni have been unsatisfied with Parrish's record. . . 2-23-1, including four losses to I-AA schools.

In defense of Parrish, you have to go back 34 years, since a football coach at K-State hasn't been fired or faced forced resignation. That coach was Bill Meek, who left Manhattan in

1954 for Houston, and before Meek...well, you have to go back another 20 years, when Lynn Waldorf departed K-State in 1934 after one season.

KANSAS (0-4)

Coach: Glen Mason, 1st year (0-4)

Opponent	Score	Opp. Rec.
Baylor	14-27	3-2
Auburn	7-56	4-0
California	21-52	3-1
New Mexico St.	29-42	1-4

Kansas has the potential to get well, but it won't be this season. First year coach Glen Mason, who learned his football under Woody Hayes and Earl Bruce, has to overcome the somewhat cavalier and intramural attitude that has surrounded KU football of late.

There have been some defections, 20 all total, but six of these came from terminating injuries and another half-dozen were academic casualties, the latter something that seems to haunt the Jayhawks. The transition under Mason has provided improved physical condition and the number of scholarship players, which now totals 60. Only two players recruited by Mason have left the KU camp.

If anything in the Big Eight will hurt you, it's lack of experience. Kansas starts eight freshmen, five of them true frosh, so pain will be in abundance until this kiddie-corps completes its on-the-job-training.

WR Willie Vaughn can beat any cornerback in any league at any time, but the problem is getting him the ball. Vaughn is truly a skill player and QB Kelly Donohoe is above average, but he can't throw the ball from a prone position. Sophomore C Chip Budde is a solid prospect in a fledgling offensive line and TB Arnold Snell has been most of KU's running game for a couple of seasons.

LB Curtis Moore, only a sophomore, was the league's Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 1987 and CB Peda Samuel is ridiculously small but has proven to be a survivor and a surprisingly hard hitter. Otherwise, the defense, which gave up 177 points in its first four games this year, needs replacements.

Mason had the state fired up when he arrived but he may have to pay the price for his spartan-like ideas and differences with players recruited by other coaches. One of the big problems is to keep the talent at home because such schools as Nebraska, Arizona State, Georgia, Tennessee and Oklahoma State have recently made lucrative recruiting

hauls from the Sunflower State.

An up-front speaker, Mason says, "We're into the Big Eight games now and if we have to play Nebraska, it might as well be now. The top five teams in the Big Eight are as good, if not better, than any five teams in any league but, the other three teams make you feel as if the rich have gotten richer. ■



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They may be the second best team in the state. They could be one of the top six teams in the Big Eight.

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But there is no way Nebraska could

be in position to set a record for consecutive winning seasons without them.

Certainly, Nebraska wouldn't be the college football record holder for 19 straight bowl game appearances and a consistent Top 10 finisher the last 20 years without them either.

Who are these football players who usually have to wear a number worn

by somebody in the starting lineup? Who are these players that only their coaches, parents and friends know?

The best kept secret in the Nebraska football program — the scout teams.

A kid would be scratching his head if he walked away with an autograph from Peter Buchanan, Brian Eiller, Ray Coleman, Kurt Skradis, Lamont White, Rob Lueck, Erik Wiegert, Brian Brown or Jeff Chaney.

But these are just some of the players who play a major role in making Nebraska as good as it is in football.

The scout team is where so many of those players who stood out as freshmen go.

Keithen McCant quarterbacked the freshmen a year ago. He's redshirting this year and giving the scout team one of its best passers ever.

This year's scout team offensive line is one of the biggest ever, challenging the NU varsity defense four times a week.

Scout team split end Lance Bobolz is one of the fastest players on the entire Nebraska team.

Quality has never been lacking on the scout teams.

Running back Paul Miles and future professional linemen Mark Behning and Bill Lewis were scout team players for more than one year.

Nebraska defensive ends coach Tony Samuel spent a season on the scout team.

As a matter of fact, the players who go through the Nebraska program who don't play on the scout team are a distinct minority.

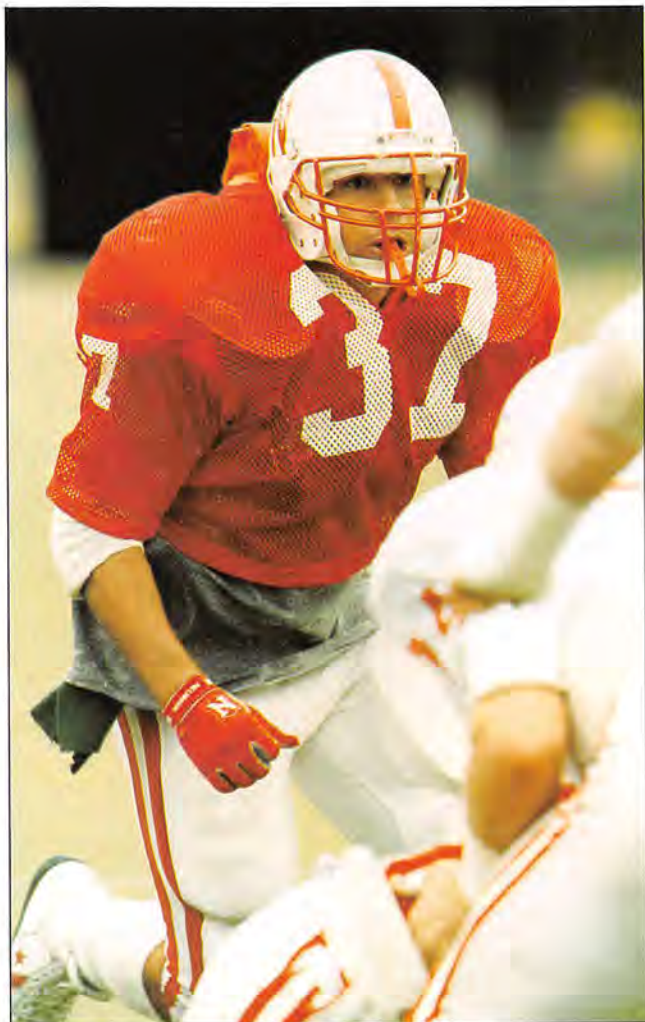
However, Nebraska is almost alone in using the scout team system to such an extent. Almost every other major college program has scout teams, but they consist of freshmen, redshirts and a few others. Nebraska's scout team system consists of almost half of the entire 130-member team.

Scout teams are a basic for any team. They give the starters and immediate backups a chance to practice against the formations and styles of the upcoming opponent.

Teams could have their top two varsity units bang against each other. But eventually that becomes self-

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Some scout teamers, like fullback Tim Johnk, get called up to the varsity.

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defeating because the varsity offenses and defenses are not getting the kind of quality practice time they need working against an opponent's tactics, the Nebraska coaching staff has determined.

At Nebraska, the scout teams give the top two teams at least four chances a week to get a look at the upcoming opponent.

Sometimes that means the difference between a win and a loss.

It always means plenty of hard work that won't be noticed by the fans.

"The scout team is the most thankless thing around here," Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said. "They are unknown, unsung and unappreciated by most people. But often, the ability of our varsity is gauged on how good the scout teams are."

For instance, although Nebraska lost to Oklahoma last year, the Cornhusker defense was probably better prepared for the Sooners than ever before.

Quarterback Mickey Joseph and running back Leodis Flowers were both redshirting through their freshman years and worked with the scout teams.

Their work was important. "We got a good look because Joseph was able to simulate the kind of speed Oklahoma has at quarterback," said Jack Pierce, who coaches the scout team offense when he is not working as recruiting coordinator for the Cornhuskers.

"Leodis Flowers gave us a good look at a speedy running back at full speed and under live action practices," he said.

"It also can help the scout team players," McBride said.

"Paul Miles was a sideways runner and was getting beat up by the varsity defense day after day when he was on the scout team," he said. "But he learned to run tough and by the time he made varsity he was a much better back.

"Flowers has toughened from his season with the scout team. I can't think of a running back who wasn't tougher and better after spending some time with the scout team."

The same is true for all but a handful of offensive linemen.

"We feel to learn the system, to have time to grow and time to get stronger, almost all of our linemen need that year of redshirting and playing with the scout team," NU offensive line Coach Milt Tenopir said.

In recent years, only center Jake Young has bypassed at least part of a season with the scout team.

Turner Gill and Irving Fryar finished their seasons with the freshman team and then played with the scout team before moving on to the varsity.

Nowadays, the scout team at Nebraska is made up of redshirts, walkons who didn't make varsity, fourth-team players and some third-team players from the varsity.

Through the season, every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the scout team assembles to resemble the next Nebraska foe.

Sometimes it means going three-quarters speed without pads to give the varsity a good look.

Many times it means going full speed and taking everything the varsity has to give.

In preparation for the Arizona State game, and in the aftermath of Nebraska's loss to UCLA, the scout team offense was in for plenty of full-speed action.

The NU defense wanted to improve on its tackling and the first opponent was the scout team.

That meant taking the full force hits, over and over, from Lawrence Pete, Mike Murray, Willie Griffin, LeRoy Etienne, Jeff Mills, Broderick Thomas and the rest of the defense.

Scout team I-back George Achola, a scholarship redshirt from Omaha Creighton Prep, was constantly bashed left, right and up the middle throughout the week before the Arizona State game.

Officially, the policy is to stand up the backs — hold them and not tackle at full force. This is because a Nebraska defense unleashed would eventually wipe out the scout team backs.

McBride even went so far as to have Griffin and Murray tackle each other



Keithen McCant quarterbacked the JVs in 1987, and now leads the scout team.

for extra work that week.

But Achola and the rest of the scout team offense gave Nebraska its best shot.

"We know it can be very hard on someone to never get in a game all year and to take that abuse day after day in practice. It's important for us coaches to make sure somebody gets a pat on the back and a compliment now and then on the scout team," Pierce said.

The entire Nebraska coaching staff holds the scout team in high respect.

Coach Tom Osborne said that he tries to make sure everybody is treated fairly and evenly, whether they are a Heisman Trophy candidate or a

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"It's a matter of respect because we know what they go through," Pierce added.

And, many of the scout team players will eventually be on the varsity, he said.

Freshman redshirts William Washington and Travis Hill are two scholarship players who figure in Nebraska's future plans.

"We have a lot of quality players on the scout teams and that only makes the varsity better by working against them," said Dan Young, who coaches the scout team defense as well as the varsity offensive line for Nebraska.

"It's a challenge to give our varsity a good picture to look at and they want to do their best to help the team as much as they can," he said.

The scout team works from a series of drawings of the opposition plays. The offense watches opponent films with the NU varsity defense. The scout defense watches along with the varsity offense.

"Also, if Tom Osborne, Charlie McBride, George Darlington, Milt Tenopir or John Melton want to see something specific that isn't on the films, we'll add that in to our scout team plans for the week," Pierce said.

"By playing in so many different formations and styles throughout the season the scout team players also get a more complete understanding of football in general," Pierce said.

"The experience on the scout team isn't a waste of time," he said.

Some players have never advanced beyond scout team status but that doesn't diminish the view the coaching staff has of those players.

Twin brothers Brian and Kevin Miller from Hardy, Neb., both got to play late in Nebraska's game with Utah State this year. They'll see more action at home games that get out of hand and that's about the only chance they'll have to play in varsity games during their career.

But both players were mentioned by many coaches as being important, valuable and highly respected players on the team.

"There are kids who stand out. There are some who give us every-

thing and there's nothing more we can ask," Pierce said. "That is so important to the program."

Brian Miller and freshman redshirt Will Thomas (younger brother of Broderick) were the first Nebraska players to be given the scout team weekly honor, awarded for the first time this year.

"We have to reinforce these kids and keep their spirits high," Pierce said. "But it's not as tough as you'd think. They have their own team meetings. They pat each other on the back when they make a good play and they get to working together as a team on their own."

The scout team gets its one chance at glory when it plays the freshman team in the annual "Toilet Bowl" held during the weekly practices.

The game is almost always won by the scout team.

"The pride in the scout team really comes through in that game," Young said. "The varsity sits in the stands and cheers and it's because they appreciate the scout team guys."

Pierce said it also demonstrates to the freshmen the next step on the ladder for most players in the Nebraska program.

"It takes so much work, so much dedication to make it to the varsity here, but every one of our kids feels it's worth it and we feel how well the scout team plays determines the success of our practices. And our practices certainly determine how well we're prepared for the next game," Pierce said.

There are times when the scout teams provide immediate help for the varsity, too.

When fullbacks Sam Schmidt and Lance Lewis were injured, scout team fullbacks Tim Johnk and Barry Kitrell were called on to fill the gaps for the varsity in practices.

"Without the scout teams we wouldn't get the repetitions we have to have to be the consistent team we need to be," Young said. "Those repetitions make the varsity work better, help the offensive line work as a unit and give the defense a good base."

"It gives players the seasoning they need to play major college football

and it gives us a better chance to evaluate our personnel than otherwise.

"We don't have the population base to recruit all the great athletes in the country. We do get a number of great ones, but to make up for our lack of population base to draw from

we use the scout system.

"And it works," he said. "It's somewhat like the farm system is to baseball, but it's different. We have the togetherness of working toward the same goal with the same direction day after day and we're a lot more cohesive because of that." ■

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NEBRASKA'S GAMES WITH OSU HAVE USUALLY BEEN CLOSE AND FILLED WITH HEROICS.



Nebraska needed big defensive plays to stop O-State in 1983.

Nebraska's next opponent, Oklahoma State, has only defeated Nebraska twice in the history of the series that began in 1960. Several of those games, however, have tested the pacemakers of Husker fans.

The wildest may have been in 1965.

Nebraska had to drive 76 yards in the final five minutes for the winning points. Fullback Pete Tatman sledgehammered over from the 2-yard line for the go-ahead TD, and fellow North Platte native Larry Wachholtz booted the extra point.

Only 38 seconds remained in the contest at Stillwater and most Nebraska fans had already packed a victory between cheek and gum.

But a rugged Cowpoke who would later pitch chewing tobacco had different ideas: OSU fullback Walt Garrison, who had led the Big Eight in rushing the previous season and would later star with the NFL Dallas Cowboys.

Wachholtz, a consensus All-American at defensive back in 1966, said he still recalls the bruises Garrison and Oklahoma State could dish out.

"We always knew that when we played Oklahoma State we had to have our helmets screwed on," said Wachholtz, now a married, 43-year-old investment broker in his hometown. "They played a tough, rock 'em, sock 'em type of football."

Nebraska entered the Nov. 13 contest unbeaten and knowing it was headed to the Orange Bowl, while Oklahoma State had struggled. "We thought we'd go down and suit up and win this thing," Wachholtz said.

But with 5:18 left to play, OSU scored after taking advantage of a bad bounce on a Ron Kirkland punt. The 'Pokes drove 35 yards to go ahead

17-14.

"Lighthorse" Harry Wilson was the workhorse on the NU drive, taking a run and a pass for 11 yards each, and then making a fourth-down dive for a crucial first down at the OSU 5.

Nebraska's go-ahead touchdown, however, failed to corral the Cowboys, who had been successful opening holes in the NU line all day, according to Wachholtz. On first down, Garrison rambled for 25 yards to the NU 31. Only 8 seconds remained.

"He threw everything he had at you — every pad that he had," said Wachholtz. "He was strictly business. And as rugged as that game was, even at the end of the game he'd bounce up and sprint back to the huddle like the game had just started."

A pass completion moved OSU to the Nebraska 23. Three seconds were left, and the 'Pokes again called Garrison's number on a draw play.

"We were looking for the run; they really never have been a throwing team," Wachholtz said. But once again, Garrison, who had 121 yards on 19 carries, broke free into the secondary. "Billy Johnson of Stanton hit him first," Wachholtz recalled.

"He was kind of dragging Billy to the goal line before a couple of us hit him," he said. "Thank goodness he went down. I was afraid he was going



Ken Spaeth (left) helped beat the pesky 'Pokes' best team of the 1970s, while Shane Swanson (right) burned OSU after NU trailed at the half.

in."

Time expired with Oklahoma State 5 yards from a rare victory over the Huskers.

After the game, Wachholtz said he saw NU Coach Bob Devaney do something he'd never done before: seek out an opposing player to congratulate him on a great game. At the

time, Devaney called him "the greatest fullback I've ever seen in the Big Eight."

Although the Huskers own a wide lead in victories in the NU-OSU series, there have been many rugged games.

Test your knowledge on these trivia questions about the NU-OSU series:



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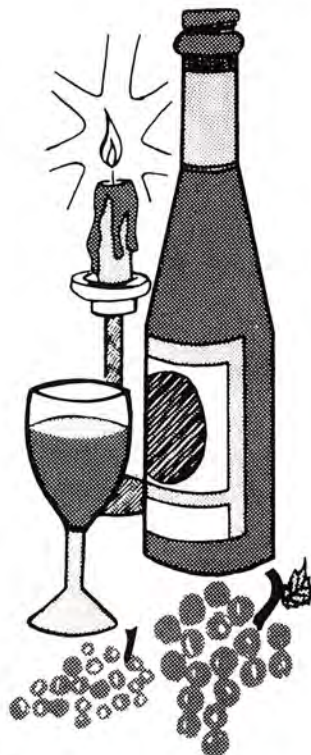
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Husker Trivia

Bret Clark was
one of several
Husker DBs to
thwart OSU.



QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time Oklahoma State beat Nebraska?
2. Who coached that Nebraska team?
3. What was the record of that Nebraska team?
4. What was that coach's record against OSU in future meetings?
5. Oklahoma State came closest to beating a Bob Devaney team in 1968. What was the score of that contest?
6. How far from behind did Nebraska have to rally?
7. Who scored the tying points?
8. How much time remained in the game?
9. Who scored the winning points?
10. In a 17-3 victory over Oklahoma State in 1984, this back returned a punt 49 yards for a touchdown to ignite the Huskers.
11. What was a well-known hobby of that player?
12. He later played professional football for which team?
13. He set several single-game records for that team, but the records will carry an asterisk. Why?
14. In 1963, Oklahoma State charged back from a 20-3 deficit to come how close to beating NU?
15. What substitute led the NU offense to that victory?
16. Who did he substitute for?
17. Oklahoma State's only non-loss in the past 26 seasons was during what year?
18. What happened?
19. Nebraska had a chance to win late in the game, driving 55 yards to the OSU 1-yard line. Who was the back that accounted for all of those yards?
20. What was that back's nickname?
21. What happened on fourth down in that ill-fated drive?
22. Oklahoma State had a last-second drive of its own. Who was the Nebraska tackle that recorded a sack to end the drive?
23. Who was the OSU quarterback?
24. Who scored the touchdown that brought Nebraska to 17-17?
25. In 1983, this defensive back, now with the Atlanta Falcons, inter-

cepted a pass in the end zone to preserve a 14-10 NU win. Name him.

26. This NU quarterback was the Player of the Game in the 1985, 34-24 pasting of Oklahoma State, scoring two touchdowns and passing for another. Two years later, however, he didn't play a down at QB during his senior year.

27. What position did he move to?

28. His three field goals helped NU hang on to a 22-14 victory over OSU in 1978.

29. He caught the go-ahead touchdown pass in the 14-10 win over the Cowboys in 1976.

30. In that game, this monster back had 30 tackles and was named Defensive Player of the Game.

31. What was Tom Osborne's comment after that performance?

32. This senior cornerback had six tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass to blunt OSU drives in the 1974, 7-3 win.

33. He was named National Back of the Week after passing for two TDs and running for two more in the 28-20 win over the Cowboys in 1975.

ANSWERS

1. 1961, a 14-6 Cowboy victory
2. Bill Jennings
3. 3-6-1
4. He had no record; 1961 was his last year as NU coach.
5. 21-20, Nebraska
6. 14 points
7. Tight end Jim McFarland, on a 5-yard pass from Ernie Sigler
8. 57 seconds
9. Paul Rodgers on an extra point kick
10. Shane Swanson
11. Riding bulls at rodeos
12. Denver Broncos
13. He was a replacement player during the 1987 NFL players' strike.
14. Very close: a 20-16 NU victory
15. Quarterback Fred Duda

16. Denny Claridge, who was injured

17. 1973

18. A 17-17 tie

19. Tony Davis

20. "Tough Tony from Tecumseh"

21. Davis was stopped 6 inches from the goal line on a plunge over the top.

22. Steve Manstedt

23. Brent Blackman

24. David Humm, on a 1-yard plunge

25. Bret Clark

26. McCathorn Clayton

27. Defensive cornerback

28. Billy Todd

29. Tight end Ken Spaeth, a 6-yarder from Vince Ferragamo in the fourth quarter

30. Clete Pillen

31. "We would have lost without Pillen."

32. Ardell Johnson

33. Vince Ferragamo ■

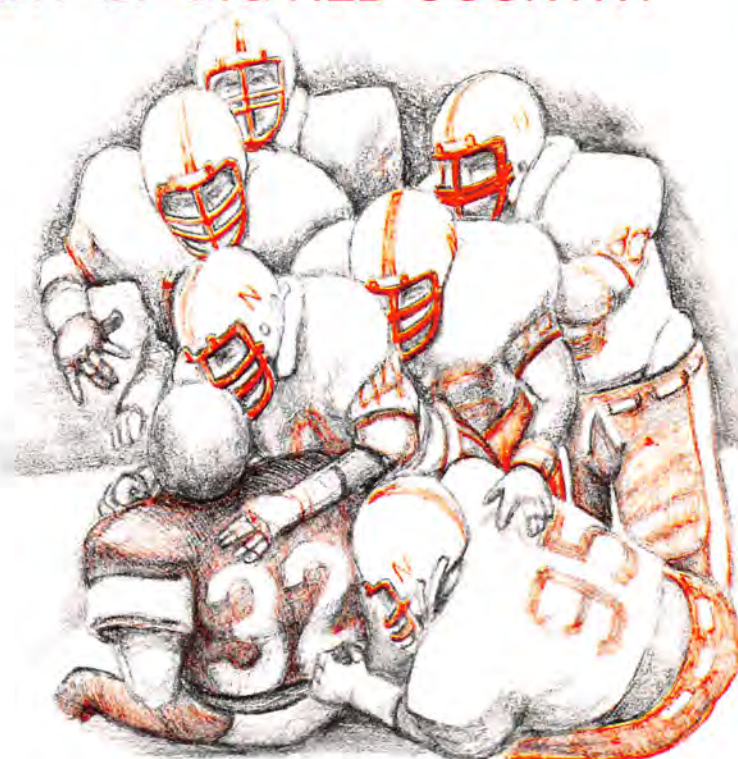
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Q: What is your assessment of Texas A&M's difficulties? I felt they were talented, and I came away from the Kickoff Classic very satisfied we played well. Then A&M went out and got roughed up pretty good. More importantly, what do you feel were the keys to the Huskers' great comeback against Arizona State after the UCLA loss? Bill Topliff, Jacksonville, Fla.

A: I think our game took a lot out of them physically. They were pretty banged up, and I think that was a factor in the next week's game against Louisiana State in that they had four starters who did not play at all and about eight who didn't practice very much that week. They then had a two-week layout. They had a week off before they were supposed to play Alabama, but they cancelled out because the hurricane looked like it might cause weather problems. So, they then had to wait another week before playing Oklahoma State. Texas A&M moved the ball fairly well, but they just came up against an Oklahoma State team that's pretty good. Playing good teams has been part of Texas A&M's problem I think, and the other has been just having a lot of injuries.

About coming back against Arizona State, I think the players realized we had some things to improve on, and I believe we did make progress. Some people have talked about what was supposed to be a great motivational talk at halftime on my part, but that sort of thing is overrated. We just didn't come out in the first half looking very sharp, and we had to get everybody's attention. I think we went on to play a fairly good second half. Our ability to come out strong from the opening kickoff is a concern.

Q: How is Dana Brinson doing after some really bad luck early in the season? Is he holding up okay? Clarence Simmons, Omaha, Neb.

A: I think Dana has generally played well. He's had a jammed neck since the UCLA game, and that's bothered him, especially his ability to block. But Dana is a very courageous player, and when the games come

around, he wants to play. Physically, he's getting better, and I think he's pretty determined to make his senior year a good one.

Q: Would you say UCLA is really as great as they looked, or did we contribute to their success? Is the 1988 UCLA team as good as you've faced in your career? Warren Prochaska, Duluth, Minn.

A: I think it's a little bit of both. They have a fine team, but we had four turnovers on offense — three interceptions and one fumble that we lost. We also gave up a punt return for a touchdown; that was an offensive error. Then defensively, we didn't tackle very well. Some of that had to do with UCLA backs running hard, but some of that had to do with poor tackling on our part. We went minus-four in turnovers, and we had mistakes in the kicking game. When that happens and you only get beat by 13 points by a good team on their field and you come back to outscore them by two touchdowns in the second half, I guess you'd have to say the effort wasn't all that bad.

Q: I've often heard how players are limited in their official recruiting visits, but are the parents? I'd think the parents would have as many questions as their sons, if not more. Clyde Riddell, Atkinson, Neb.

A: It's my understanding that you can visit with the parents three times off campus and that would have to be pretty much at the same time you saw the player. I think there are some considerations in the rules for cases where one parent might be out of town on business during a visit or where there is a divorce or separation in the family and it's difficult or impossible for both parents to be there at the same time. In those cases, I think there's a little more flexibility on the rules, but I think you're still supposed to see the parent and student within 24 hours of each other.

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